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This Is Thanksgiving

MORE than two hundred and fifty years ago, men and women, imbued with a zeal and a longing for religious freedom that transcended all other desires, made a perilous voyage to the forbidding shores of an unknown and untamed land. Midst suffering and disease, privation and attack, and that agony of longing known as homesickness, those pioneers began to fashion a nation, one that was to become these "free and independent states," the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

And God blessed their courageous efforts and the Pilgrims returned thanks to God and created the great day which is Thanksgiving.

Now this Thanksgiving Day 1953, we celebrate after the manner of the Pilgrim fathers and all of us should pause for a moment to think and to pray.

We think about this land of ours, this "America, the Beautiful," created and endowed by men and women who loved freedom more than life and whose blood and tears watered our earth and brought forth the seeds of democracy. And what do we see? We look north and south and east and west, and we see a great and powerful and abundant nation. We see golden fields of grain in Iowa and Kansas, California and Florida orchards laden with fruit, clear Idaho and Utah streams abounding in fish. We see the vast oil wells of mighty Texas, the West Virginia coal mines and the red, roaring steel furnaces of Pittsburgh. We glimpse for a moment the stock yards of Chicago and the skyscrapers of New York, the huge industrial plants of Detroit and the throbbing factories of Racine or Buffalo or Newark. We see cotton and sugar cane and tobacco standing in the green fields of Alabama and Tennessee and Georgia.

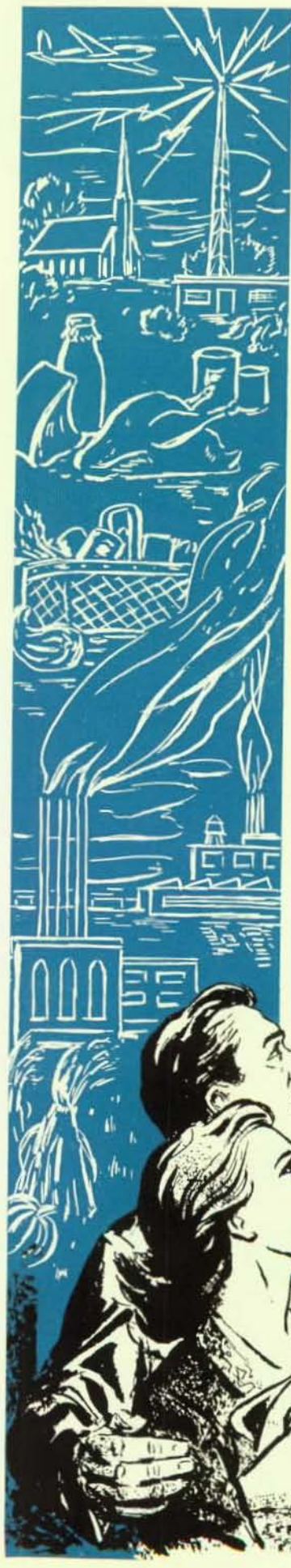
And we pause for a minute in Washington, D. C. and we think about our Government. Imperfect? Yes, but still free and independent, by mandate of the people, their servant and not their master.

We think about our life today, these many years since the Pilgrim fathers passed it on to us. We look and we see, and we feel, and we taste, all that is our America, and the result is good. This is democracy, the "last best hope of earth." It's a pretty good hope!

And for the moment guns are stilled and we are at peace. There are sufficient jobs, and bread and butter for all Americans and enough left over to help our neighbors less fortunate than ourselves.

We make mistakes. We become discouraged. But we do not give up. We must not give up—not ever. We hold on to democracy. We fight for tolerance and for freedom and for peace. We have not lost and we can win. And meanwhile we can say what we please, and worship as we please, and bring up our children as we see fit. We are free to reach out and take our full share of life and liberty, and to pursue and find—happiness.

Yes, we pause and we reflect and the result is good. It is good! And a mighty feeling wells within us—of gratitude to God and happiness. "This Is Thanksgiving!"



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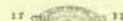
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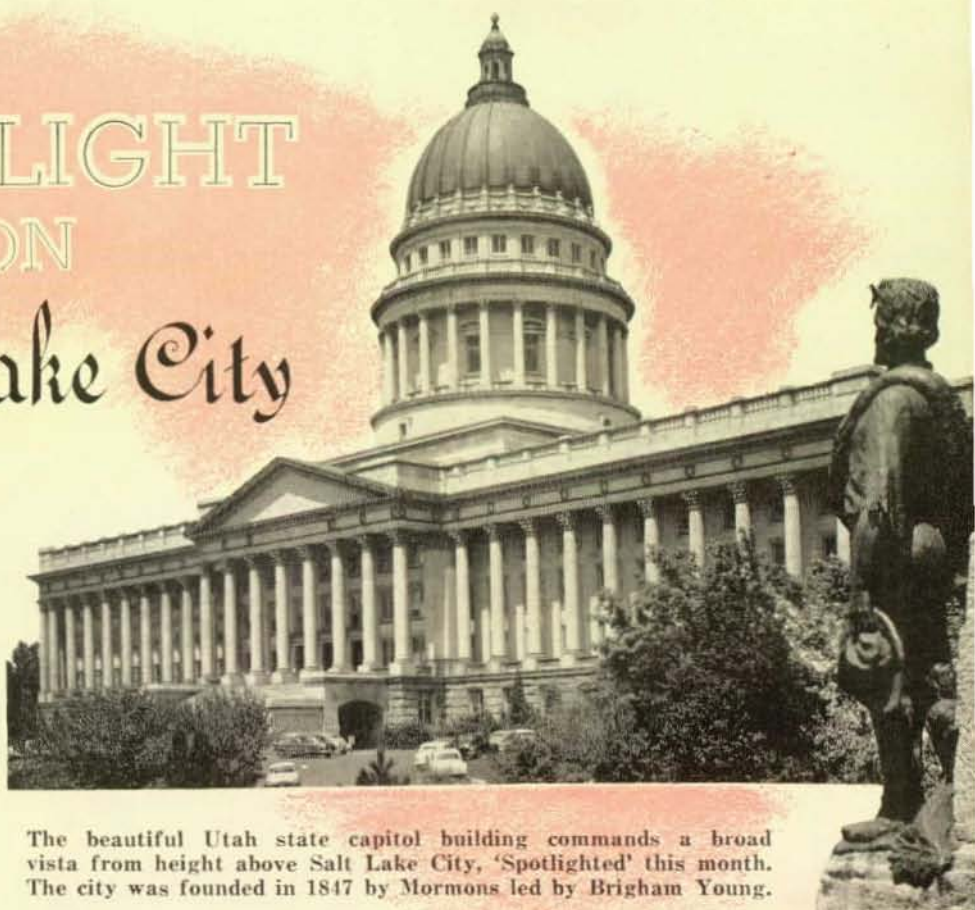
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SPOTLIGHT ON Salt Lake City



"THIS Is the Place!"

The visitor to Salt Lake City, viewing it for the first time, looking down on it and seeing its God-made and man-made glories, might say "This is the place," the place to live and work and raise a family. For Salt Lake, especially in the sunshine, is a majestic sight, and has often been referred to as "the most beautifully situated city in all America." It lies encircled by the Wasatch Mountains, great hazy hills, sometimes azure, sometimes deep purple. It has an abundance of rolling lawns and many trees, especially poplars, wide streets and clean, well-kept homes, and from nearly any viewing point, the stately dome of the Capitol building and the spires of the Mormon Temple, like prayerful fingers pointed to heaven, dominate the city skyline.

The beautiful Utah state capitol building commands a broad vista from height above Salt Lake City, 'Spotlighted' this month. The city was founded in 1847 by Mormons led by Brigham Young.

Yes, "This Is the Place!"—the only place in the world for the approximately 185,000 persons who live there, and one of the most interesting and beautiful places in the world to the thousands of visitors who come to see, and return home to sing the praises of Salt Lake and its Temple and its people who are gracious and good.

But more than a century ago when those words "This Is the Place!" were first spoken, the sight that fell upon the eyes of Brigham Young and his weary band of pioneers was quite different. It was a desolate, bare, arid spot. There was only one gnarled, stunted tree in all of the whole valley. And the persecuted Mormon people who had promised themselves—"We'll go to a place so far away and so undesirable that no one will want it"—felt at last that this was the place.

Two hours later the men were plowing the soil. They pledged themselves to make that desert "blossom like the rose" and they did.

The story of Salt Lake, the story of Utah, is the story of the Mormon pioneers—the story of great sadness and great gladness—the story of unbelievable stamina and courage and determination—the story of faith and of hope.

This is the Salt Lake City story. First before we go into the thrilling story of her history, let

Local 57 officers. Front: Vincent Pearson, B.M.; E. P. Cleveland, F.S.; Grant Webb, V.P.; C. F. Childs, treasurer; C. B. Lee, R.S. Standing are: Exec. Board Members Ralph Crowell, Wilford Gillespie, C. J. Carhart, Gene H. Hawkins, E. G. Holding. Pres. Jack Schwartz is missing from group.





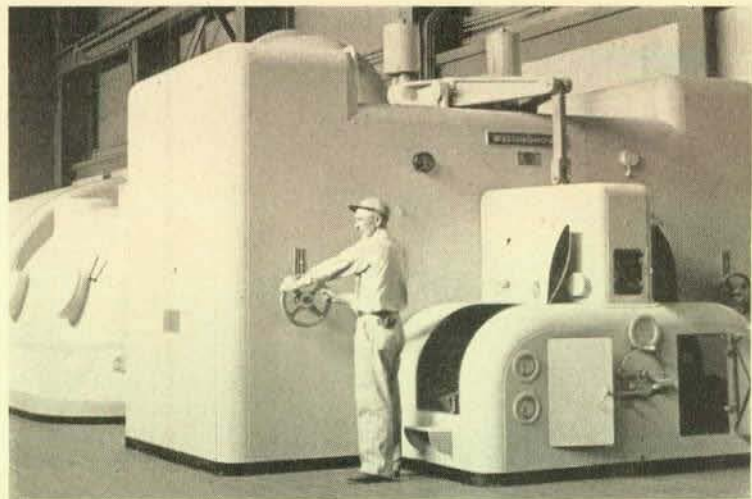
Above: Leo C. Waldrop, a charter member of Local 354, founded in 1907, points out his name on the charter in local's office.



Shown at their duties in the control room of the Gadsby Plant are Ralph Flitter, L. O. Ross and Frank Capson, all '57' members.



L.U. 650 members on the Rio Grande Railroad are Lyman Jensen and Merrill Montague, here shown inspecting traction motor.



L. O. Keller adjusts a turbine in the Gadsby steam plant of the Utah Power and Light Co., public utility supplying the capital.

us review briefly the Utah of today. In preparing this story for our JOURNAL readers, we learned some things about Utah which we had never known before. We think the facts will interest our readers also.

Utah, the 45th state to be admitted to the union, one of the Rocky Mountain group, is bounded on the north by Idaho and Wyoming; on the east by Wyoming and Colorado; on the south by Arizona; and on the west by Nevada.

It is as large in area as all the New England states combined, plus Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Long Island and the District of Columbia. It is situated in the geographical center of the western

half of the United States, about equi-distant from all points on the Pacific Coast, Canadian and Mexican borders and the Missouri Valley.

The 1950 population of Utah was 688,862 of whom over three-fourths live within a hundred miles of Salt Lake City.

Climate in Utah is delightful. The mountain valleys provide warm summer days and cool nights, while the winter temperatures seldom register zero. The sun shines at least 300 days a year in Utah.

Utah is blessed with the greatest variety of raw materials of any state in the union and it has the greatest variety of commercial mineral resources of any compar-

Local 354's building has ample hall space and attractive landscaping. In front are G. L. Madsen and son Douglas talking with Thomas V. Edwards and the Business Manager of 354, Veral Mott.





Left: Looking toward the state capitol of Utah from the downtown area of Salt Lake City. The city has elevation of 4300 feet.



Above: Installing a unit substation for Utah Power and Light are Dale Cole, apprentice, Richard Prentice and Bill Thompson, foreman. Safety helmets are required.

able area on the face of the earth. Abraham Lincoln once said "Utah will yet become the treasure-house of the nation," and his prophecy has more than come to pass. There are more than 214 different kinds of minerals in commercial quantities in Utah, a few of which are not found anywhere else in the world and some are to be found only in one or a few other areas.

Utah produces more coal than any other state west of the Mississippi River and ranks in ninth place in the whole nation. It led the nation in gold production in the years '41, '43, '44 and '45 although it hadn't a single gold mine operating in the state. The gold was a by-product of the mining and milling of copper ore.

Utah produces a third of the nation's copper and ranks high in the production of silver and lead.

Since World War II, Utah has become an important factor in the steel market, so much so as to have the state called, the "Pittsburgh of the West."

This state has not been forgotten when it comes to agriculture either. Alfalfa, wheat, sugar beets, barley and potatoes are the chief crops, and dairy products, turkeys and poultry products, lambs and wool are principal livestock items.

Utah, popularly regarded as a

desert, is richly endowed with timber resources, and lumbering has been carried on since the beginning of the settlement.

Utah's growth in recent years has been emphasized in manufacturing. This state with its vast stores of hydro-electric power, coal and metals, is fast becoming a leader in processing and manufacture. The world's largest non-ferrous smelting center is located near Salt Lake City.

So much for the economies of

Utah. What about education and culture? A recent survey indicates that Salt Lake City ranks second with respect to literacy among all cities in the United States having a population of 100,000 or more. The state ranks second in the nation. Its State University, once known as the University of Deseret, was founded in 1850, the first institution of higher learning to be established west of the Mississippi River. The Utah State Agricultural College at Logan and the

Officers of L.U. 650, from left to right, are: George Grant, acting general chairman, Union Pacific Railroad; M. C. Hampton, recording secretary; B. L. Wilson, financial secretary, and Scott Shaw, president of the local.



Ralph Crane, head electrician, Pullman Co., made cooler for the office of shop, using only discarded scrap.



W. F. Rohwer changes a brush holder in the main generator of a diesel engine undergoing regular overhaul in shops.



Clifton Major and Joe Windley of Wasatch Electric Co., make up guys as service is extended at Utah University.



Below: Branchey Johnson and Herb Dean are pictured atop a pole as they bolt on crossarm to newly-set primary pole.



Brigham Young University at Provo are two other schools of note. Every sizable town in Utah has its museum or art center. At Springfield, Utah, is located the famed National Art Exhibit.

Salt Lake City enjoys an international reputation as a music center. The daily concerts given on the famed Tabernacle organ and Tabernacle choir have won recognition everywhere, as has the Utah Symphony Orchestra.

The libraries of Utah are far above the average.

The state is proud of the splendid church edifices and of the numerous denominations represented in communities all over the state. And of course Salt Lake is proud of its own prestige as a religious center. It is the international headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, popularly known as the Mormon Church. Sixty-five percent of the population of Salt Lake City are members of that faith. However, the Mormon people who had to seek and to find a new city so that

Below: Bill Mills, maintenance man for Rio Grande Railroad shop, changes lamp. He is also chairman of local committee.



The service and line crews of the Utah Power and Light Co. assembled for a group picture. Their identifications will be found printed on page 93.

Lon Smith, L.U. 650, prepares to remove exciter generator from a Union Pacific engine in shop for repairs.



Left: Roy Lindorff, Local 650 member, puts a car on standby at the yard of the Union Pacific.



they might practice their religion, opened the doors of Salt Lake to any and all denominations and there are 160 places of worship in the city. However, Temple Square, which symbolizes all that the Mormon pioneers fought and died for, is the focal point for all that revolves about the state of Utah. And that brings us to the story of the Mormon people and how they came to establish their Temple and Temple Square and the City of Salt Lake itself. The story of the Mormon pioneers, which is as we said above, the full story of the State of Utah is a stirring one. We think it is appropriate that "Spotlight on Salt Lake" appears in our Thanksgiving issue, because here is a story of people, who even as the Pilgrim Fathers sought a land and founded a community in order to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience.

Utah is one of our newest states. Beautiful land of vast mountains, fertile valleys and rich soil, mixture of forest area and colorful desert vista—was unknown to any



Art Kinder, the local chairman of Pullman group, checks temperature controller inside Pullman lounge.

but Indians and Spaniards until the beginning of the 19th century. The first recorded visit of white men to what is now Utah occurred in 1776 when a party of Spaniards from Santa Fe, led by two Franciscan monks, Fathers Escalante and Dominquez, seeking a shorter route to Monterey, California, entered the state from the east. After Father Escalante, a number of Spanish trading expeditions established a well-defined route known as the old Spanish trail into southern Utah, where the Spaniards bartered with the Indians.

Above: This was the intersection of South Temple and Main Streets as the paving followed new car tracks down in 1910. View is toward the corner which is now occupied by Hotel Utah.

Below: Katherine Bailey and Bert Nelson, Local 354, assemble NuArt fluorescents.



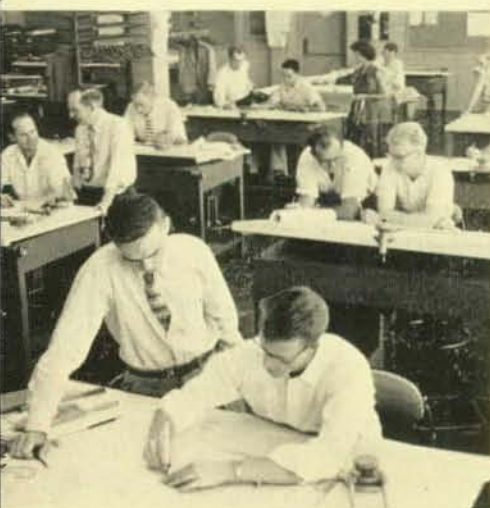
The Spanish came to call the land that is now Utah, "Land of Northern Mystery," and they left it for Anglo-Saxons, frontiersmen from Kentucky and Missouri and other regions to penetrate and explore.

The Lewis and Clark expeditions of 1804-05 through Montana and Idaho into Oregon, brought back a story of land rich in fur and game. In 1824, when trapping was big business, the General William H. Ashley party entered northern Utah and made a cache of pelts south of the present site of the



Above: the corner of South Temple and Main Streets as it appears today from slightly altered angle. The statue of Brigham Young and the trolley tracks remained untouched by any change.

Below: The engineering department of Utah Power and Light. Names on page 93.



Rio Grande running repair crew includes V. Buckle, Wm. Brower, R. Zumpano, R. Falkner, M. Montague, S. Shaw, J. Mason, W. Rohwer, W. D. Mills, J. Benson, L. Jensen.



city of Logan, worth more than \$150,000.

A young trapper named Jim Bridger, a member of the Ashley party, was the first white man to reach Great Salt Lake, which, he decided, was a branch of the Pacific Ocean.

Peter Skene Ogden and Etienne Provot whose names have been preserved for posterity in Utah cities, were others who travelled to Great Salt Lake in those first days of Utah's discovery.

But the settlers of Utah were the Mormons. Their story begins in Fayette, New York in 1830 when a young man named Joseph Smith, claiming to have seen in a vision, God the Father and Christ Jesus, His Son, founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Smith published the Book of Mormon which he pro-

claimed was translated from gold plates revealed to him by the Angel Moroni, and on which an Israelite people, ancestors of the American Indians, had recorded their history.

Joseph Smith found many followers for his new religion and it is a blot upon our history how these people were persecuted because of their beliefs.

In 1831 the headquarters of the Mormon Church was moved from Western New York to Kirkland, Ohio. A wave of persecution in 1838 forced the church to transfer its headquarters to the Far West, Missouri. In seven years, Mormons in the State of Missouri exceeded 12,000. Their rapid growth and their new religious concepts brought a storm of persecution down upon them. Mobs were formed, violence resulted and finally the Mormons were forced to leave the homes they had established in Missouri and find a new refuge. In the cold winter months of 1838, Governor Boggs of Missouri pledged himself to treat the Mormons as enemies and declared "they must be exterminated or driven from the state." Without any official investigation, the state militia poured in upon the Mormon settlements and the people were forced to move out on to the snow-covered prairies. Property valued at two million dollars was destroyed or confiscated and there was widespread suffering and death.

The Mormon people with their

Utah Power tree trimmers are C. Witter, D. Campbell, J. Loring, W. Carter, J. Leavitt, N. Williams, R. Shaw, J. Felice, M. Bateman, L. Knight, J. Wilson, Jack Keithley.



"This Is the Place" monument gets its name from famous quotation of Brigham Young on this spot when he led the Mormons into this valley.

household goods, their children and their livestock mounted in wagons and carts drawn by oxen, streamed out of Missouri. They had nowhere to go. Then word came that they would be welcome in Illinois and those of the church leaders who had escaped imprisonment and death gave the word that Quincy was their destination. At Quincy the Mormons were allowed to rest and take counsel.

Somewhere in this state which had given them refuge, they hoped to purchase land and lay out farms and a city and build again. About 50 miles up the Mississippi River from Quincy was a low, level swampland. It was not a likely place to build a city but it was for sale and the terms were good. About that time Joseph Smith, founder of the Church, was released from prison and came to join his people. He looked over the marshland and told his followers that with a little hard work it could be made beautiful and habitable, and so the desperate, impoverished people bought it and named it Nauvoo, a Hebrew word meaning Beautiful Place.

And what followed after that, is I think, one of the saddest stories ever to emerge from our history.

The Mormon people worked very hard and five years later they had changed the face of the earth on that muddy swampland they had

cultivated. Nauvoo had become the largest city in the State of Illinois. Its population was 20,000, almost as large as Washington, D. C. and five times larger than Chicago. Where once there had been a marsh of reeds and cat-tails, now there were stores and homes, churches and schools. A temple of "grandeur and magnificence" had been erected in the center of the city. The people had developed water power for their city; they had established large agricultural cooperatives—Nauvoo was on the way to becoming the industrial center of the frontier west.

Jealousy and hatred and prejudice are terrible forces. They led to the destruction of Nauvoo, the murder of Joseph Smith and forced the Latter Day Saints to flee across the prairie wastes of our west to find a new refuge.

Briefly these are the events that led to the cruel expulsion of the Mormon people from Illinois:

The people of Illinois resented the fact that people they had befriended now inhabited the largest and most prosperous city in the state. Joseph Smith had a tremendous following and when he was persuaded to run for office on the independent ticket, this added fuel to the flames. Jealousy, distrust and intolerance spread. The "Expositor Incident" brought on the cataclysmic destruction.

Some rabble rousers got together and printed an inflammatory sheet which they titled "The Expositor." It advocated overthrow by violence of both the city and its people.

The City Council of Nauvoo ordered the seditious paper suppressed. The cry went up through-



These members of L.U. 650 are employed by the Pullman Co. Left to right are A. J. Rogers, Ralph Crane, Supervisor D. G. Thinnies, A. W. Kindler and A. M. Rassmussen.



Local 57 has an annual meeting of representatives from all parts of the area covered by its jurisdiction. For the names of those shown in photograph turn to page 93.



Finishing touches to student apartments at Brigham Young University are added by Graham Shaw, Provo unit chairman of Local 354.

out the state that freedom of the press had been violated. Within a few days crowds had pressed on Nauvoo. Joseph Smith and his brother who had surrendered to the Governor were seized in prison and murdered in cold blood.

Mobs rushed on Nauvoo, destroying homes. People were beaten and tarred and feathered.

Brigham Young, who now led the Church, realized that flight was inevitable. But the prospect of liquidating a city and moving 20,000 people to some new home was a stupendous undertaking. Young pleaded with the mob for a little time to prepare for the exodus, and it was granted. The Mormons worked feverishly. Their stores, houses and public buildings became shops where prairie schooners to transport the women and children and household goods, were built, as well as oxen yokes and plows and other tools which they would need to plant new crops and build again in a new land.

Fled to West

In the worst part of the winter, however, the mobs decided they would wait no longer. And in February, 1846, the Mormons were driven out—a great mass of confused unorganized people, fleeing across frozen country toward the west where they hoped to find

These members of Local Union 650 in Salt Lake City pose for their group picture in the Union Pacific repair yard. Their identifications will be found printed on page 93.



Right: W. T. Haws, Provo city electrical inspector, looks over a new type of manufactured equipment proposed for city usage.



Left: Ralph Crane, L.U. 650 member employed by Pullman, is shown as he adjusts a blower regulator on air conditioner.



In the business office of L.U. 57, Business Manager Vince Pearson and two assistants work together over a loaded desk as they check the per capita for I.O.



Above: This mural depicts the driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory, Utah, near Salt Lake on completion of transcontinental railroad.



Left: John Murphy, shop steward at NuArt Co., L.U. 354 member, spot-welds fluorescent fixture.



Right: George Okuba, employed at the Zeon Sign Company, a L.U. 354 member, works at repairing a damaged neon tube in fluorescent display.

Below: The officers of L.U. 354 pose for a group photograph. Their identifications and offices they hold will be found by referring to page 93.



peace and a permanent home. The desolation those people felt must have been terrible. There was a heavy snowfall and the people could only huddle together in their tents and wagons. That first night a number of children and old people died—and nine babies were born.

We wish we had space to tell you the story of the Mormons in exile. The courage with which those people faced cold and starvation and death was remarkable. They settled where they could and left cemeteries as mute reminders of the hardships endured. As advance groups made their way across the country they planted crops for those who would follow to harvest.

War Began

In July 1846 when advance groups had reached the Missouri River, war had broken out with Mexico. The Mormons, exiled from their homes and spread out all across Iowa were asked to provide 500 men to fight Mexico. The Mormons raised a 536-man battalion. Their non-Mormon commander described the 2000 mile march that this battalion made from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to San Diego, California as "the longest, hardest march ever made by infantry."

Meanwhile the Mormons longed to be united—to find a permanent spot where they could create a new city. Brigham Young formed a highly-organized group to push

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Accounting section of Utah Power Co. L.U. 57 members include Thelma Lund, Nola Robinson, Arne Jensen, Les Watts, Lee Purrington, E. L. Thompson, Annie Masters, Harry Lovett and Barbara Paxman shown in photograph.





EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

*Minutes and Report of the International Executive Council,
Regular Meeting Beginning September 21, 1953.*

Paulsen, Marciante, Caffrey, McMillian, Scholtz, Broach, Carle, Foehn and Cockburn—all present.

The minutes and report of our last Council Meeting were approved.

The auditor's reports were examined and filed.

Council Members, while in session, were saddened to receive word of Vice President Ingram's death.

CASE OF JOHN JUMP

Local Union 111, Denver, Colorado has 10 units of Public Service Company employees. John Jump is Chairman of one unit.

The Local Executive Board decided that all voting on a new contract, with the company, should be on a union wide basis—by ballot at unit meetings—and all ballots to be counted at the same time.

The Local Board also decided the voting was to be on whether to accept or reject the contract proposal as a whole, not in part.

The unit which Jump heads questioned the Local Board's action in deciding on the above method of voting. This unit wanted all the units to decide the voting procedure.

To do what the one unit wanted would delay matters beyond the deadline (September 6) for negotiations—after which disputed questions would go to arbitration.

Took Standing Vote

Contrary to the Local Board's action, the unit which Jump heads decided by a standing vote (193 present) to cast its entire membership (465) against accepting the contract.

The International President upheld the Local Board's action. He ruled the one unit's vote null and void and if necessary to call a special meeting to vote in accord with the method adopted by the Local Board.

Jump then appealed to this Executive Council. He argues that the Local Board's action violated the IBEW Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order.

We have carefully examined the appellant's claims and nowhere can we find the Constitution or Robert's Rules of Order were violated. We find the Local Board's method for voting in this instance was prac-

tical, fair and proper. The same method is often followed in utility local unions.

The appeal is denied.

CASE OF LOCAL UNION 185

This case involves a dispute between Local Unions 185 of Helena and 623 of Butte, Montana over jurisdiction of inside electrical work in Boulder, Jefferson County, Montana.

Vice President Wright ruled in favor of the Helena Local Union. The Butte Local then appealed to International President Tracy. He reversed the ruling made. The Helena Local now appeals to this Executive Council.

April 20, 1948 the two Local Unions entered into agreement covering the territory involved. This was approved by the International Office. The agreement states:

- "1. For all intents and purposes, Local Union No. 623 of Butte will have jurisdiction of Jefferson County, State of Montana . . .
- "2. Members of Local Union No. 185 of Helena will be permitted to perform electrical work as heretofore north of the City of Basin without having to clear through the Business Manager of Local Union No. 623 and without payment of clearance fees to Local Union No. 623 . . ."

Contradictory Claims

The International President's decision states:

"There is no language in this memorandum of agreement which places any of Jefferson County in the jurisdiction of Local Union No. 185. Actually, if the jurisdiction did not belong to Local Union 623 there would be no need for an agreement to 'permit' the members of Local Union 185 to work in the northern part of Jefferson County without obtaining clearance or paying fees to Local Union 623."

The matter submitted contains contradictory claims and argument about past practices, boundary lines, and reasons for the agreement being made in 1948.

The Executive Council finds, however, the simple fact remains that the agreement was made. It was

properly approved. It is clear. And no other agreement exists. Therefore, the appeal of Local Union 185 is denied.

CASE OF LOCAL UNION 694

Local Union 694 of Youngstown, Ohio appealed to this Council concerning trade jurisdiction claims. The appeal, however, should have been made to the International President.

The files show the President had not rendered any decision in the case. The Executive Council cannot, under our law, consider an appeal such as this one until the President has first rendered a decision.

The Local Union was so advised.

CASE OF DAVID W. GLEASON

David Gleason is a member of Railroad Local Union 689 of San Francisco, California.

This member also erred in directing his appeal to this Executive Council before the International President rendered a decision. Gleason was so advised by us.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

International President Tracy reported to us about an investigation his office had made of the claim of a member in Local Union 271, Wichita, Kansas.

He also reported on the no-raiding agreement made between the AFL and CIO. He stated this agreement does not bind the IBEW unless a separate agreement is made by the IBEW with a CIO union or unions. No such agreement, he added, would be made by him until it is reviewed by the Executive Council.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

Our last Council minutes and report stated that International Secretary

"Milne informed us that the Treasury Department had declined to approve, without certain changes, the Brotherhood's Retirement Plan for officers, representatives, organizers and assistants."

This plan, adopted by the membership, states

"The I.E.C. is authorized to make such changes or amendments necessary to qualify this plan under Section 165 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code."

We previously discussed and adopted the necessary changes to secure the approval.

The International Secretary now submitted to us in complete and final form the changes in the Retirement Plan and in the Trust Agreement. He also submitted a new Trust Agreement covering our other employees. We checked and signed the required copies.

Refunds Made Under Plan

The Retirement Plan for officers, representatives, organizers and assistants provides that those who

leave the IBEW service for any reason before becoming eligible for retirement, shall have their contributions to the fund returned to them. In case of death the refund is to be made to the beneficiary.

Secretary Milne reported the following:

Organizer Henry Conover left the service June 30, 1953. We authorized a refund to him of \$295.28.

Organizer F. Kistler left July 5, 1953. We authorized a refund of \$357.73.

Organizer E. J. McKenster left August 24, 1953. We authorized a refund of \$97.42.

Organizer J. E. Thompson left August 31, 1953. We authorized a refund of \$570.36.

Vice President Ingram died September 21, 1953. We authorized a refund of \$843.75 to his beneficiary.

PENSIONS APPROVED

The Executive Council approved the following pension applications:

Card In The I.O.	Formerly Of L.U.
Greenbaum, David E.	3
Franklin, Clarence E.	6
Bippus, John T.	11
McClellan, John G.	12
Gillow, Harry L.	17
MacArthur, Robert R.	17
Niemi, Emil	17
Buck, H. R.	18
Cagnacci, Peter F.	18
Hughes, Caradog	18
Taricco, Lorenzo	18
Engelhardt, Ferdinand R.	28
Hineman, Howard E.	39
Mead, Walter	39
Coons, Lloyd J.	58
Scheid, Arthur	58
Holmes, Robert W.	110
Long, Richard S.	180
Soper, Willard E.	185
Walker, W. A.	194
Anderson, Charles H.	195
Osborne, Gordon C.	202
Jessup, Carl F.	214
McMarlin, John K.	214
Turner, Alva J.	214
Grant, James	309
Franke, Jay B.	358
Nash, Charles C.	501
Townsend, C. H.	563
Simpson, George Henry	629
Klaes, Fred P.	677
Walsh, Frank J.	685
Henderson, Ralph M.	717
Dorst, Martin J.	817
Hiscox, Elmer E.	885
Lee, Frederick H.	887
Gunder, Walter U.	1108
Smythe, William F.	1118

Membership In L.U.

Brennan, William	1
Brown, Henry H.	1
Gerken, Otto H.	1
Morrell, James A.	1
McQueen, Henry H.	1

Membership In L.U.		Membership In L.U.	
Pausch, John G.	1	Reitemeyer, George	52
Steinbruegge, Henry	1	Wells, James M.	53
Wheat, James G.	1	Gibson, William	58
Wolfram, Theodore J.	1	Hickcox, Walter E.	58
Zeibig, Albert	1	Long, Edward	58
Roeder, George	2	Timmerman, W. G.	58
Attridge, Jeremiah P.	3	Edgar, William Thatcher	59
Bloch, David	3	Odgers, R. V.	65
Blum, Frederick A.	3	Kuykendall, W. L.	66
Carey, William A.	3	Wilcox, Frank R.	66
Clark, Arthur D.	3	Carter, J. L.	72
Daley, Joseph J.	3	Pearson, J. A.	76
DeSanto, Clarence H.	3	Sorenson, Victor A.	76
Doyle, Frank G.	3	Campbell, Fred E.	77
Driscoll, Jeremiah A.	3	Boehringer, C. W.	82
Dumermuth, Christopher	3	McKay, Harry	86
Ferguson, Herbert	3	Cahill, Charles E.	98
Gurian, Harry	3	Dolson, George	102
Guss, Louis A.	3	White, Archie G.	102
Kennedy, William J.	3	Wilson, Harry	102
Lang, William F.	3	Cartolano, Rosario	103
Lauer, William, Sr.	3	Garvey, James J.	103
Lyman, Thomas J.	3	Houlihan, William J.	103
Malloy, Patrick B.	3	MacRitchie, Malcolm	103
Ochs, William	3	Hagland, Carl S.	106
Petresz, Kasper	3	Hetfield, Floyd A.	106
Roth, Ferdinand A. J.	3	Greiner, Arba E.	107
Rothschild, Frederick	3	Hahn, Louis	110
Schaeffer, Raymond	3	Green, W. R.	124
Starke, Adolph A.	3	McDermott, H. S.	124
Teschmacher, Martin	3	Wickstrum, H. W.	124
VanDerzee, William	3	Betts, Charles R.	125
White, Walter James	3	Cummings, Floyd E.	125
Corbett, William T.	5	Knight, W. J.	125
McCloy, George B.	5	Landis, E. E.	125
Schauer, A. J.	5	Sheldon, Harry	125
Flynn, Joseph L.	6	Strick, Robert	125
Jensen, Otto	6	Lincoln, E. J., Sr.	130
Park, William H.	6	Back, Axel E.	134
Waddington, C. W.	6	Benson, Martin	134
McCarthy, Edward A.	7	Bohan, Edward	134
Kirkland, Arthur	8	Fritz, Edward C.	134
Ahern, Robert E.	9	Galvin, John P.	134
Dinan, Denis	9	Hess, James	134
Koehler, James	9	Holmblad, Gustav	134
Pedrick, Roy C.	9	Jobst, John A.	134
Samelak, Joseph	9	Johnson, John A.	134
Stokes, William A.	9	Knowles, Thomas B.	134
Derby, Albert O.	11	Koranda, Frank	134
Flatley, Thomas	11	Kuncel, Joseph	134
Heynemann, B. W.	11	Liekert, Fred H.	134
Liversage, William J.	11	Meister, Charles J.	134
Wolter, Herbert C.	11	Mullany, James	134
Malcolm, John	17	McDonough, Bernard T.	134
Munson, Robert C.	17	Nitsche, Joseph	134
Dean, H. H.	18	O'Brien, E. J.	134
Lee, Sr., Robert E.	18	Pearson, Fred N.	134
Stadler, C. G.	18	Richter, H.	134
Bieretz, Edward D.	28	Sandberg, Stanley S.	134
Beck, Albert	38	Schwartz, Felix J.	134
Empkey, A. A.	38	Young, Frank P.	134
Griffin, Frank	38	Young, John A.	134
Myers, Homer R.	38	Hardin, Julius Augusta	136
Passig, Paul	38	Lyons, Thomas J.	136
Renkel, Otto	38	Swan, Oscar	150
Terrell, James E.	38	Woolman, Arthur A.	152
Brown, Herbert A.	39	Koehler, William F.	153
Chapman, John C.	39	Booth, Karl M.	159
Moore, H. F.	46	Ward, Jean	159
Stephenson, James H.	46	Little, Harry	164
Dark, O. D.	48	Wyman, Irvin B.	180
Oster, Robert	48	Williams, Herbert O.	185
VanWart, M. H.	48	Billings, Axel	195
Hansen, Frederick	52	Lee, Elmer R.	195

Membership In L.U.

Stick, John	195
Bennett, Frank F.	210
Jones, Edward Wattis	211
Lynch, Chester K.	211
King, William J.	212
Walters, Norman	212
Larssen, E. O.	213
Boyle, John J.	214
Dopp, David W.	230
Danielsen, A. J.	231
George, Walter	292
Thue, Oscar	292
Vance, K. D.	295
Twigg, George W.	307
Loll, Fred G.	308
Stoehr, August	309
Shelley, Frank L.	332
Snedaker, E. H.	332
Flahive, Joseph	340
Peppers, James	354
Klein, Joseph Frank	397
Thompson, David R.	408
Simon, Cleve	413
Henderson, Reece	431
Anderson, Clifford M.	439
Seegers, John L.	456
Marshall, Leslie M.	461
Berndt, Edward	481
Birck, Oscar W.	481
Dethgens, Henry	494
Uecker, Arthur	494
Wilke, Walter	494
Wren, Marvin J.	494
Hanley, Sr., Thomas J.	501
Nason, Ernest Alexander	502
Stangland, Charles	517
Matthews, Foster	522
Coker, Roy J.	528
Driscoll, William	528
Schimmels, Joseph A.	528
Ehlenburg, F. H.	532
Welch, James P.	552
Marsh, Richard L.	569
Dainty, Frank	636
Hassman, Fred	649
Pender, John M.	675
Cornell, Edward B.	684
Bernard, Earl	697
Fargo, Frank H.	697
Howard, Elmer F.	702
Logan, Guy G.	702
Schumacher, George A.	702
Bishoff, William	713
Heasley, Samuel J.	713
Wolfram, George R.	716
McDonald, William A.	717
Fitzpatrick, Edward V.	719
Sandstrom, Edward	731
Baskin, William C.	732
Faris, Winn Davies	734
Deveneau, Milow	770
Miller, Herbert L.	770
Mitchell, Kenyon Z.	774
Windsor, Charles T.	774
Parker, Paul M.	852
Scott, William	1037
Stephenson, R.	1037
Sutherland, D.	1037
Sutherland, George	1037
McLeod, Thomas H.	1057
Hodgson, Charles Henry	1245
Meinke, Carl E.	1392
O'Neill, Harry Judson	1547
Clifton, Arthur	1814

BIRTH DATES CORRECTED

Acceptable evidence was submitted to the Council and corrections have been made in the International records of the birth dates of the following members:

	Membership In L.U.
Comiskey, Walter	3
Connolly, Joseph P.	3
Coyle, William J.	3
Dempewolf, Mahlon	3
Dick, Howard	3
Dober, Herman	3
Dunchess, Joseph	3
Granet, Harold M.	3
Jaeger, John P.	3
Menagh, Edward M.	3
O'Brien, Francis Daniel	3
Pyckowski, Frank	3
Reiss, George H.	3
Sullivan, John P.	3
Topf, Michael G.	3
Lavacheri, Giuseppe	9
Bartlett, George Dwight	11
Austin, Victor	58
Evans, J. J.	77
Moon, Ray O.	77
Phillips, John A.	200
Pierson, Lea R.	304
Berry, James Walter	309
Maunder, Albert E.	353
Mace, William	377
Dumke, Edward H.	494
Justesen, E. N.	574
St. John, George	702
Boyle, James J.	724
Lennox, E. A.	889
Peters, Walter L.	1346
Marquez-V, Joaquin	Card in I.O.
Mozingo, J. Ansel	Card in I.O.
Parker, Harry	Card in I.O.

BIRTH DATES NOT CHANGED

Requests for changes in birth dates in the International records of the following members were denied:

	Membership In L.U.
Boyet, Charles A.	2
Feingold, Louis	3
Helfer, Morris	3
Kerr, Otie White	18
Hershey, Frank D.	292
Pappas, James	302
Brautigam, Willard E.	Card in I.O.
Kidney, Thomas H.	Card in I.O.
Mitchell, William M.	Card in I.O.

The records will be changed—to show a different date from what was originally given—when acceptable evidence is submitted to the Council.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Executive Council adjourned Friday, September 25, 1953.

Our next regular meeting will begin at 10 A.M., Monday, December 14, 1953.

H. H. BROACH,
Secretary of
Executive Council.

Houston

... HOST TO SEVENTH DISTRICT

ON OCTOBER 9, 10 and 11 of this year, the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas was the scene of one of the largest and most successful Progress Meetings ever held in the Seventh District. Some 150 delegates were in attendance, representing the states of Arizona, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The entire spirit of the meeting, however, was over-shadowed by the deep sense of loss experienced by all IBEW members of the Seventh District, due to the death of Vice President Louie Ingram, less than three weeks before the Progress Meeting convened.

The first action called for by the new Vice President of the Seventh District, Art Edwards, was a reverent period of silent tribute and prayer for Louie Ingram.

As has been the practice throughout our Brotherhood this year, all of the first day's sessions were conducted by International Secretary J. Scott Milne and Research Director William W. Robbins for the benefit of financial secretaries.



Vice President Art Edwards has serious mien as he calls Progress Meeting delegates to order.

With each District Progress Meeting, there are some events which are common to all and by the same token each meeting has characteristics which belong to it alone.

In the case of the Seventh District Meeting, there was a roll call of representatives of all local unions in attendance and each dele-

gate made a report of the progress his local had made in the past year and outlined any problem which was causing difficulty. The reports of the delegates were interspersed between the addresses of a number of prominent speakers from among our International Officers, from civic and state labor groups and from among our employers in both the contracting and utility fields.

Space will not permit more than a cursory summary of the remarks of the speakers at this Houston Meeting. We only wish we might bring you a full account of the enlightening addresses presented at the sessions as well as the reports of the delegates.

Jim McClure, vice president of NECA District 5, was the first speaker on Saturday morning, October 10. After paying high tribute to Vice President Ingram, Mr. McClure made an appeal to all present for real understanding and cooperation between NECA and IBEW for the prosperity of both.

Mr. A. R. Watson, executive vice president and general manager of Southwestern Public Serv-



Financial Secretaries listened attentively as Research Director Wm. Robbins outlined procedures and practices.



Delegates to the meeting rose to a standing ovation in honor of President D. W. Tracy when he ended message.



Above: The new Vice President poses with Seventh District Staff. Names on page 48.



Below: Jerry Holoman, Texas State Federation of Labor secretary, former B.M. of L.U. 850, welcomes delegates to the state.



President Tracy recalls before the delegates some of the early battles of the Brotherhood.



Left: Vice President Jim McClure of NECA District No. 5, Dallas, spoke to the assemblage.

Below: Secretary Milne accepts loan to the Pension Fund from L.U. 304, Topeka, Kansas, made by Assistant B.M. Solander and B.M. W. L. Morris.



These delegates from Oklahoma attended the Progress Meeting held in Houston, Texas. Names are to be found on page 48.



New Mexico representatives at the concave held on October 2, 3 and 4. For their identification please turn to page 48.



Locals 66 and 716 gave Pres. and Mrs. Tracy luggage. In picture are Mrs. Tracy, R. T. Noack, 716 president, and E. L. Kubosh, 66's president, together with Pres. Tracy.



A portion of the crowd and the head table at the gala banquet and dance which was a feature of the Seventh's Progress meeting on Saturday evening enjoyed by all.

without a depression. He said that where there is mutuality of respect and confidence, there are few obstacles which can't be overcome. Mr. Kimball said that the greatest need for employer and employees today is a mutual feeling of respect and confidence. It is a two-way street and where these qualities exist on both sides there is little conflict. Mr. Kimball then pointed out areas which need spe-

cial attention, emphasizing especially jurisdictional disputes, tragedy of waste, need for discipline. Mr. Kimball ended his address with an appeal to all—those of management and those of labor—to develop a real spirit of service and to build up an *esprit d'corps* among ourselves so strong, and to provide such adequate service to the public we all serve, that we can

win complete public confidence and face the future unafraid.

At the Saturday afternoon session, the first speaker was Mr. George Seaman, NECA regional director for the 5th District. His principal topics were our apprenticeship program and our Pension Fund. He urged locals to force contractors to pay what they owe to the fund saying, "The Benefit



Kansas sent this representation to the meeting held at the Rice Hotel. Their identification will be found on page 48.



Above: Interested visitors were Int'l. Rep. Frank Graham, I.E.C. member C. R. Carle and Int'l. Vice President Bert Petty.



This delegation represented Arizona at the Seventh District Progress Meeting. Their names are to be found on page 48.

Right: Elmer Zemke, L.U. 611, Albuquerque, tells of increased fringe benefits now in effect for the local.



Fund is as much a part of what we stand for as what you stand for."

The principal speaker for the afternoon session was International President Tracy who had a number of important messages for the Seventh District delegates.

Mr. Tracy began his remarks with a sincere and beautiful tribute to his friend, Louie Ingram. Following this, he presented the picture of how the new Administration in Washington, known as the "Economy Administration," has affected the people of the United States and how it may further affect them in the future.

Then President Tracy outlined for all the condition of affairs in our union.

He spoke of the fine spirit of cooperation which exists between the NECA and the IBEW, with special emphasis on our apprenticeship program and the Council on Industrial Relations. He said it was the hope of the Brotherhood that a tribunal such as this Council can be set up in the utility field.

Next Mr. Tracy spoke of jurisdictional disputes which are "the curse of the labor movement." He reviewed the no-raiding pact as it has been set up between the AFL and CIO, stating that the agreement has been endorsed by the AFL and after endorsement by the CIO at their annual convention, it will then be subject to signing by the individual unions.

Efforts of these learned barbecurers were not in vain as the delegates feasted on delicious pork ribs, crispy chicken and all the trimmings.



The Lone Star State sent this whopping delegation to the Progress Meeting for valuable exchange of ideas. Identifications are printed on page 48.

Thus at the present time it can have no immediate effect on our locals.

With regard to the employment picture in our own industry, Mr. Tracy said that a recent survey had been made and the picture looks good—at least for the six

months immediately ahead. "We have had 12 golden years," said President Tracy. "How long will they continue? No one knows, but this piece of advice I will give. Put a few dollars aside now, while wages are high."

With regard to the Government



Below: Bill Holloway of L.U. 570, Tucson, reviews manpower situation in his local's area.



Above: James J. Carnahan, B.M., L.U. No. 226, Topeka, Kansas, reports.



Above: Opal Hudson, Telephone Local 1342, Greenville, Texas, tells about organizational efforts in East Texas.

Right: A. R. Johnson, L.U. 324, Longview, tells of some unemployment in his local's jurisdiction in Texas.





The Houston locals entertained the ladies royally. This picture was made as the group left for a tour and a luncheon.

versus private enterprise question Mr. Tracy said, "We disapprove of Government doing anything that private enterprise can do . . . In private enterprise we have the privilege of collective bargaining."

In reviewing each branch of our trade with regard to organization, Mr. Tracy said all were in a healthy condition except for the Telephone field where the Bell Company has used a "divide and conquer" method with singular success. Until there is a union, followed by united action of AFL, CIO and independent forces in the telephone field, there can be no successful organization and no real gain for the workers.

Mr. Tracy stressed organization in the Radio and TV and the manufacturing fields, declaring that tremendous opportunities exist for the IBEW in these branches.

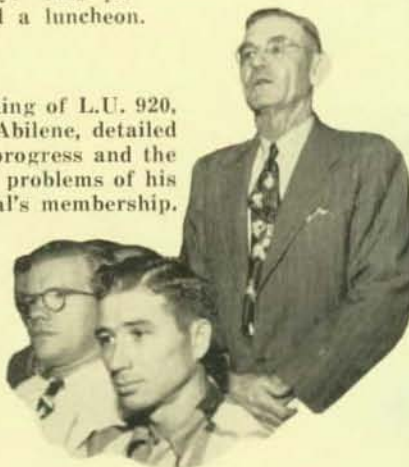
Local 703, Carlsbad, N. Mex. made sizable loan to Pension Fund. Registering satisfaction are: Secretary Milne, A. E. Dickman and J. B. Dryden of 703 and Pres. Tracy.



Below: F. G. Essex, 976, Pryor, Okla., spoke of legal problems of his local.



R. P. King of L.U. 920, Abilene, detailed the progress and the problems of his local's membership.



Below: George Seaman, Regional NECA Director, paid high tribute to Vice President Ingram in his speech to the delegates.



Left: L. O. Rillos from L.U. 643, Carlsbad, New Mexico, tells of new construction in area.



Below: J. R. Tillotson, Local 304, Muskogee, spoke of improvements in the working conditions.



Lawson Wimberly, Assistant to President Tracy, spoke to the group as a native son of Texas.



In closing, the International President said that membership had increased in every part of our industry which is a most heartening and encouraging sign. "This organization will be whatever we make it. We've got to work and cooperate with each other. If we will all do that, we can and will—go forward and prosper."

(Continued on page 47)

Below: Business Manager B. Morgan, L.U. 716, gives welcome at dinner.



Above: Financial Secretaries' meet was so well-attended their photo was made in two sections. Names will be found on page 48.

Below: Mrs. Evelyn Pepper, L.U. 1743, is telling progress made by women members.



Above: Business Manager W. W. Malcolm, L.U. 271, Wichita, Kansas, gave interesting report on the apprenticeship program underway in his area.

Left: G. F. Sweeney of L.U. 60, San Antonio, reported for activities of interest in The Alamo City area.



Below: Presidents Noack and Kubosh of Locals 716 and 66 presented this memorial plaque to Mrs. W. L. Ingram.



Right: John Kimball, executive vice president, Arizona Public Service Co., spoke at the meeting.

Left: International Secretary J. Scott Milne makes appeal for Silver Jubilee Plan at meet.



Railroad Locals Meet for 10th District Progress Report

ON September 9, 10 and 11 of this year, Chicago was host to the largest and most successful Progress Meeting yet held by the Tenth District. When the first session was called to order at 10 a.m. September 9 at the Morrison Hotel, there were delegates present from nearly every state in the Union and four from Canada, including International Executive Council Member Keith Cockburn.

Due to commitments to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor of which he is a member, International President Tracy was unable to be present at this Tenth District Meet, and because of International Secretary Milne's attendance at the British Trades Union Congress on the Isle of Man as A.F.L. Fraternal Delegate, it was not possible for him to be present either.

The first day's sessions were given over to problems of local union financial secretaries and were conducted by International Research Director William W. Robbins.

At the opening of the Progress

Meeting proper, Vice President Duffy outlined the progress made by the Tenth District in the past 12 years and spoke of aims and expectations for the future. He reported on the status of the case involving the five-point program and fringe benefits, notices of which have been served on the nation's railroads. Vice President Duffy also spoke of the Union Shop agreements which have been made with most of the railroads and said that he was well pleased with the progress made in the application of the union shop agreements.

There were a number of interesting guest speakers throughout the Tenth District program.

James Morrison and Robert Burns, both members of the IBEW and now representing the Bureau of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor, made enlightening talks on apprentice training.

Mr. Herbert Heasley, representing the Treasury Department, made a brief address and paid glowing tribute to Vice President Duffy and members of IBEW rail-

road locals for their support of the sale of Government bonds.

Executive Council Member Keith Cockburn gave a comprehensive picture of conditions on the Canadian railroads and the IBEW's constant fight to better conditions and wages.

Brother Mike Fox, a member of L. U. 817, and now President of the Railway Employees' Department of the A.F. of L. spoke on the many problems confronting the Department and strongly urged all members to become politically alert and to rectify the mistakes made last fall.

Additional information pertinent to railroad workers was received from Brother John F. Griver, Labor Relations Officer of the Railroad Retirement Board, who gave a complete analysis on the benefits of Railroad Retirement as well as the sick and unemployment insurance acts.

This was a Progress Meeting in which all the general chairmen and delegates present took a very active part, asking questions and making suggestions helpful to all.

Vice President Duffy closed the Progress Meeting with a strong appeal for political action on the part of every delegate and a plea for the support of Railway Labor's Political League.



10th RAILROAD DISTRICT IBEW
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Editorial

by J. SCOTT MILNE, Editor



Thoughts on Thanksgiving

Just every once in a while, a person pauses and reflects. He stops worrying about the fuel bill, and about whether son Tommy will get his draft notice before he has a chance to finish college, and about whether those pains in his chest mean the old ticker isn't up to par. And he thinks for a moment on bigger, more important things, and maybe he says a prayer. And this time of year when we celebrate a certain completely American holiday known as Thanksgiving, seems also to be the time for such reflection. When we Americans take the time out to reflect, it's amazing how much we have to be grateful for—a truly free country, food enough for everybody and some to spare, the greatest opportunities for education the world has ever known, medical science that is increasing our life span every day—all these and more are ours—to be grateful for.

Thomas Jefferson was once our foreign minister to France. He wrote to his friend, Monroe, this impassioned statement about our country:

"Its soul, its climate, its equality, liberty, laws, people and manners. My God! how little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!"

That statement was written in 1785. How much more appropriate it is today, 166 years later, when wars and wartime economies and strange ideologies have so changed the face of most countries of the world, and emphasized the blessings still extant in this land of ours that basically remains the least changed on earth.

Is it enough that we Americans pause, feel our twinge of gratitude and let it go at that? No, it is not. We to whom much has been given, we who abound in rights and privileges, have inherited certain responsibilities as well. We have the solemn obligation to keep the free and democratic way of life that others fought and died and lived and worked to hand on to us—and we have the duty to pass it on as decent and as honorable and as unshackled as it was handed down to us.

And how do we do this? By being good citizens. By taking an interest in what is going on about us. By being vigilant, by refusing to be duped and robbed of our heritage. By using our vote in every election and using it intelligently. By doing these things and in a spirit of real gratitude, doing a little

more—by not being selfish—by trying to pass on a few of the good things we enjoy, not by our own right and powers, but by God's bounty, to peoples and nations less fortunate than ourselves.

When we do these things—thanksgiving becomes a word with heart and meaning. Let us give thanks!

Reflections on Elections

As your JOURNAL went to press, the "off year" November election results had come in and we might say had a "firecracker under the chair" reaction on Republican complacency. "There is no question about it," Leonard W. Hall, GOP national chairman, admitted November 4, "as of today we are in trouble politically."

There were a number of upsets in the November 3rd balloting. For example, in New Jersey the Democrats elected a Congressman in the Sixth District for the first time in 20 years, and a Democratic governor was elected for the first time in 10 years, in spite of the fact that President Eisenhower had strongly endorsed the Republican nominee.

In Buffalo a Democratic mayor was elected for the first time in 12 years; in Cleveland, for the first time in 20 years. It was substantially the same in many sectors over the United States.

What does it mean? Well, AFL President George Meany says, and we agree with him:

"The election results prove the American people cannot be fooled by promises without performance. The record of the Eisenhower Administration was the key issue. It was repudiated by the voters because that record is bare of accomplishment for the good of the people."

The result of this "off year" election is, we believe, one of the best things that could have happened at this time. The people have spoken. They have warned the Republican Administration. They do not like the way things are going. There's got to be a change. The people of the United States have offered a choice—either the Republicans change their policy of reaction and produce the results promised a year ago—or they, the people, will make a change in Administrations. It's as simple as that.

Brotherhood in Action

About this time last year we prepared some articles and published them in your JOURNAL about

labor unions and public relations. We said then and we say now, that if our own union people could get a few of the fine, decent brotherly things into the daily papers that they do every day as a matter of course, the derogatory opinion that many an open-minded citizen has formed of labor unionists based on "what he reads in the paper," might definitely be changed for the better.

It can't be done in a day, or a week, or a year, but the constant insertion of small items in the daily press, is like the dripping water that wears away the stone—in this instance the stone of ignorance and prejudice.

What small newsworthy items do I refer to? Well, I should like to ask you to look over with me for a moment, a few bits of information from our locals that came in this week's grist of mail.

Here's a local that donated \$1,500 for a "Book-mobile," a traveling library that goes into backwoods regions of our country giving citizens a chance to read and to learn.

Another local gave \$1,500 to a charitable home for unwed mothers.

Here's an account of a lineman who saved a life at peril of his own.

In a southern city 15 electricians gave up a Saturday to join with other union tradesmen, to rebuild, free, a home destroyed by fire.

In a midwest city, a local union had a "blood party." It recruited among its own members twice as much blood as was needed to replenish a depleted Red Cross bank.

In New England a local union bought an iron lung for the city fire department.

We could go on—there are more letters—letters which tell of brotherhood and community spirit. We hope our members informed their local papers of these activities, so that others may know what we already know—that union members are not creatures with hoofs and horns, but persons on whom the spirit of unionism and brotherhood has left a mark—the mark of human sympathy and kindness.

In Sheep's Clothing

Recently representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers—200 leaders of industry from 30 states—met at swank White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, to outline certain lines of action to be taken in the future.

The releases that came out of that meeting stated that the Conference advocated a number of things—being nice to workers, making them feel "a part of the company team," recognizing the worker as an individual. Nice-sounding phrases, but behind the old sheep's clothing were to be found records of other actions taken by the NAM. These warned of the impending danger that the Taft-Hartley law might be weakened, and went on to recommend amendments which, far from modifying the act so as to permit some semblance of free collective bar-

gaining, would tighten measures all along the line.

We have found that the present Congress is a "Big Business"-NAM Congress which most certainly can't be counted on to carry out any constructive action on the Taft-Hartley law.

Knowing this full well, what then is our recourse? The ballot box, of course. The only way we are ever to get a fair and just labor-relations law in our nation, the only way we are going to keep what we have in the way of employment, wages and conditions, is by electing the people to Congress who stand for the things we stand for. Remember this and don't be misled by the wolves in sheep's clothing.

Our Fight for Tolerance

Recently the National Conference of Christians and Jews held its Silver Jubilee Meeting, and AFL President George Meany attended as a principal speaker. It seems that every time George Meany talks, he strikes a blow for freedom and democracy and all the things our country and our labor unions were founded to bring to all men.

In his address to this meeting, Mr. Meany pledged an unrelenting fight by the AFL against racial and religious intolerance and discrimination. One of the things he said was this:

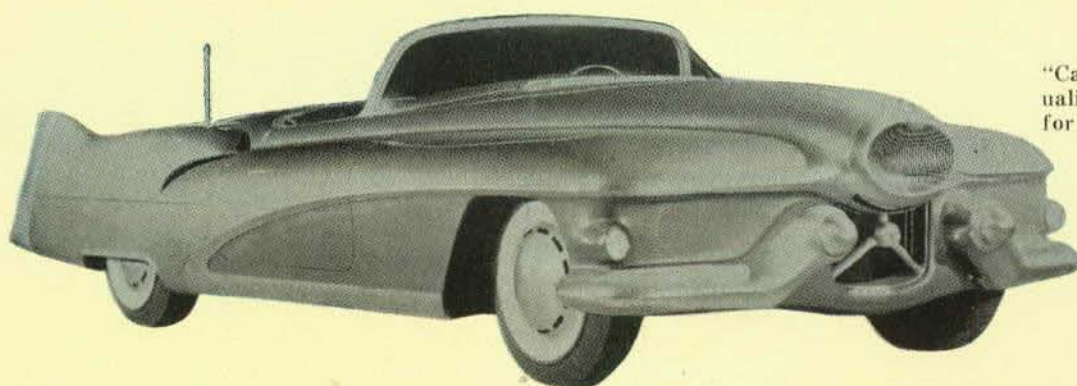
"What we are fighting for when we talk about brotherhood, is actually democracy. By proving that democracy works in our communities, by eliminating racial and religious injustice wherever we find it, we are helping the cause of democracy in its world-wide fight for peace and freedom."

We who hope to help the world find democracy, must first make democracy work at home. Tolerance isn't a mere word to be bandied about and recommended to others. It's a word which should be an integral part of our own lives. It isn't always easy. Deep-seated prejudices are hard to uproot, but we are members of a great Brotherhood—the A.F. of L., yes,—the IBEW, yes,—but there is still another Brotherhood which many of us profess to belong to. Let's belong to it in every sense and essence of the word, with full measure of tolerance—I refer to the Brotherhood of Man—under the Fatherhood of God.

About Some Other Elections

The National Labor Relations Board recently released the election result figures for the third quarter of 1953. A.F. of L. unions won 565 collective bargaining elections and lost 341. That is a pretty fair percentage and proves that the American Federation of Labor is more than holding its own.

The news about the A.F. of L. is good all along the line these days. Its total membership is well over 10 million, the highest figure in its history. The recent decisive step taken with regard to the corrupt Longshoremen's Union, has won for our parent body the respect of friend and foe alike.



"Car of Future" as visualized by GM's design for sport, the Le Sabre.

THEY'VE COME A

IT HAS been more than 60 years since a one-cylinder, gasoline-powered "horseless carriage" sputtered through the streets of Springfield, Massachusetts, pulling America into the automotive age. But the story of the industry which put America on wheels goes back much further than 60 years.

Since the 15th century, man had apparently been trying to get away from the horse-drawn vehicle as a means of transportation. As early as 1459, a barrel-shaped monstrosity known as the "monocycle" was built for the Emperor Maximilian of Germany and was powered by four men walking a sort of treadmill inside of the barrel which kept the vehicle in motion. In 1649, Nuremberg clockmakers built a spring-propelled vehicle which had to be rewound every 15 or 20 minutes. Then in 1769 Nicolas Joseph Cugnot, a French artillery officer, constructed the first self-propelled road vehicle which carried two passengers two miles per hour for about 10 minutes, and was powered by steam. For a century after, steam was used as the means of propulsion for road vehicles, even though in 1680 a Dutch scientist, Christian Huygens, had invented the first internal combustion engine using gunpowder as the explosive agent.

During the early 19th century, steamers ran in England as passenger carriers between such cities as Gloucester and Cheltenham, London and Bath, but pressure from

railroad and stagecoach lobbies caused restrictive measures to be passed regulating the steam coaches until their operation became impractical.

In America, Oliver Evans, commissioned to build a steam dredge for Philadelphia harbor in 1805, mounted the scow on wheels and hooked up the power to get it to the water from the place of construction. This vehicle, which made but the one trip, was the first self-propelled vehicle in the United States. Steam road vehicles were built all through the nineteenth century and many United States cities had steam-propelled fire engines.

Meanwhile France had developed the internal-combustion engine, a one-cylinder motor having been built by Jean Joseph Lenoir and mounted on a carriage-type vehicle. Siegfried Marcus of Vienna in 1864 built a better vehicle using Lenoir's engine. The Germany of 1885 saw Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz developing gas-fueled, four-cycle engines so that within a few years self-propelled horseless carriages were seen every day on the streets of Berlin and Paris.

Across the Atlantic, George B. Selden, a Rochester, New York patent attorney, after examining internal combustion engines at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, made a rough sketch in 1879 of a horseless carriage based on the European engines, and filed it with the patent office. But what is re-

cognized as the first successful gasoline motor vehicle operated in the United States was that built by the Duryea brothers, J. Frank and Charles E., in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1893. With another third motor car in 1895 the brothers entered America's first motor vehicle race, to win against steam and electric competition, and then went on to produce the first cars for the market.

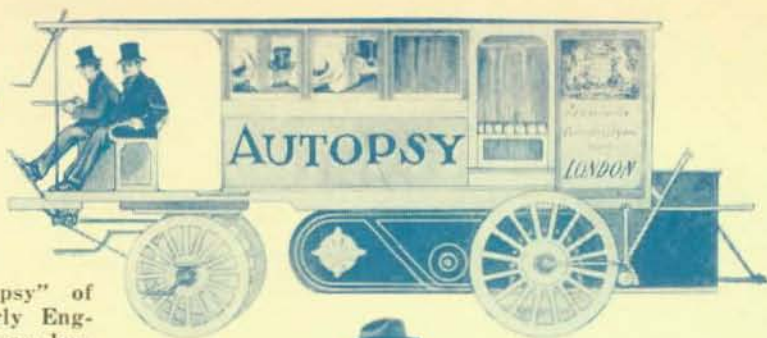
Another claimant to the title of "first" in the automobile industry in the United States was Elwood G. Haynes, a field superintendent for the Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company in Kokomo, Indiana. Haynes' car, made from his blueprints by the Apperson brothers, made its road test on July 4, 1894. Haynes wrote, "we flew down Pumpkinville Pike," but after a mile and a half he turned the little one-cylinder vehicle around and headed back to Kokomo.

A third horseless carriage, built by Stephen Balzer of New York, made its appearance in 1894. It had a three-cylinder air-cooled engine which was a first step towards the airplane engine.

Another pioneer was Alexander Winton, whose first car took to the road in 1896, and featured front and rear seats with the rear seat facing backwards. His next model boasted a steering wheel instead of a tiller, and had the motor in front of the driver. It also featured pneumatic tires at \$400 a set. Winton built his expensive, power-



Photo above is of Cugnot's original vehicle of 1770, now in Paris.



Hancock's "Autopsy" of 1836 was an early English steam-driven bus.

LONG WAY

ful cars on order for the wealthy who could afford them, and kept his name before the public by entering all speed and reliability tests that came along. He once told a disgruntled purchaser, "Mr. Packard, if you are so smart, why don't you make a car yourself?" (Packard completed his first car November 6, 1899.)

With the rapidly growing group of "motor-maniacs," two magazines, "The Horseless Age" in New York and "The Motoeycle" in Chicago appeared in 1895; and soon the members of the French Academy in solemn conclave bestowed the name *automobile* on the wondrous horseless carriage.

Thus it was that the last decade of the 19th century was not only an age marked by a gold rush in the Yukon and the end of Indian wars in Northwestern America, trailing skirts and puffed sleeves and Mrs. Astor's parties, Lillian Russell and Queen Victoria's Jubilee, the telephone and the first motion pictures. It was an age, too, of grease-monkeys and backyard mechanics, when little boys did not want to grow up to win the battle of Manila Bay like Admiral Dewey, but to build their very own automobile, or motoeycle, or gasmobile as the horseless carriages were variously called. It seemed that the poor frightened horses would never get used to the new explosive "buggies" and many a forlorn motorist, stuck in a sea of mud that was a highway

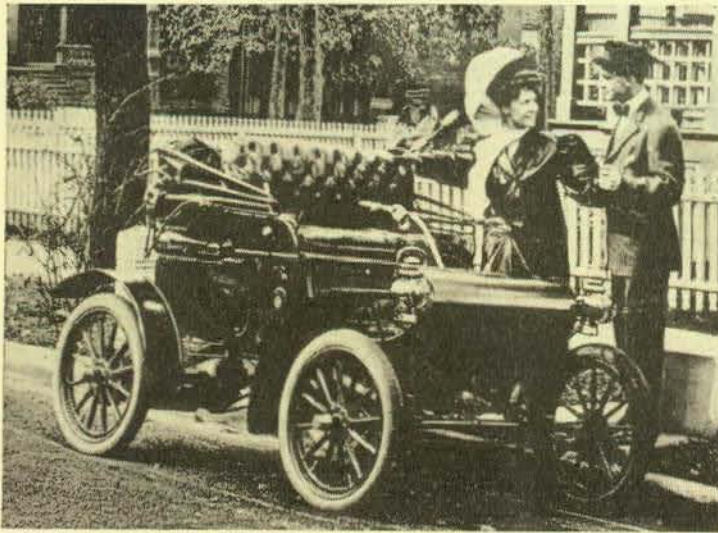
Charles E. Duryea in the Duryea Motor Wagon. It won first American auto race in Chicago in 1895.



The twins, F. E. and F. O. Stanley in their first Stanley steam auto. Picture was made during test.



Motorists in dusters and goggles on an early Glidden tour.



Above: A "Merry Oldsmobile" of a half century ago featured a "curved dash" in keeping with dashing design of day.

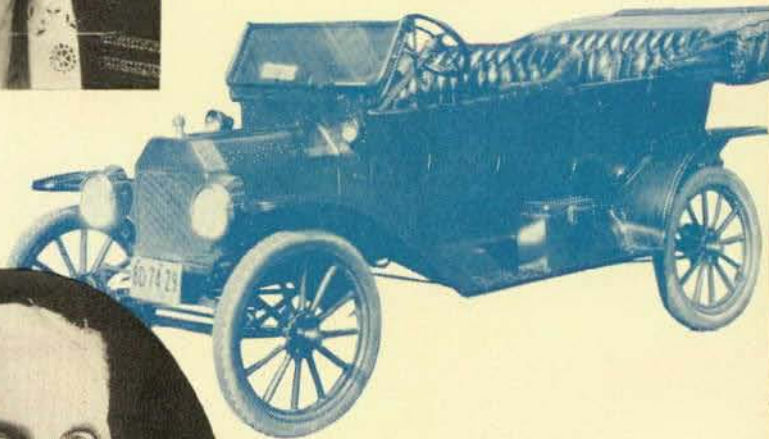


Right: One of swankiest of early cars was electric number with elaborate coachwork. Motorist has clothes to match.

would temporarily long for the sure shanks of old Dobbin.

Motoring fiends threw aside their muscle-building bicycles, to whiz about the countryside in the famous Stanley steamers built by the Maine-bred Stanley twins beginning in 1897. In 1901 the White steamer joined the throngs of steam-eating vehicles that won races and outlasted electric and gasoline cars in endurance tests.

Electric autos (the first one in America being built by William Morrison of Des Moines) had captured the society market, appealing to wealthy women especially because the electrics were noiseless in operation and were handsomely appointed with flower vases and beautiful coachwork. Electric cabs purred through the streets of New York, Boston, Buffalo, Philadel-



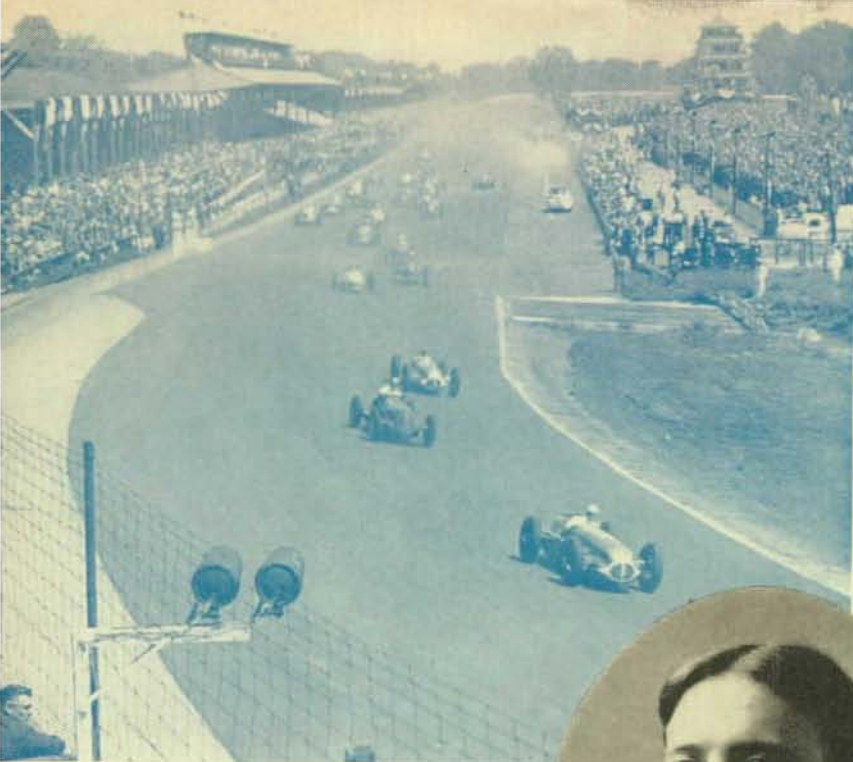
Most fabulous name in autoing, of course, is Ford. At left is Henry, who pioneered industry, and above is his famous Model T. This one is a touring model made in 1913.

phia, Chicago and Washington and Diamond Jim Brady was chauffeured to the theater in a specially-built electric with curved-glass windows, which showed off to advantage his diamonds and his lady.

In the year 1900 there were over 100 manufacturers of self-propelled vehicles, and New York, Chicago and Boston, together had 2,370 autos of which 1,170 were steamers, 800 were electrics and only 400 were gasoline.

Early in the 20th century, a young steam-car experimenter who had turned his attention to the gasoline engine, Ransom E. Olds, thought of producing a low-priced automobile in quantity. The result was the curved-dash *Oldsmobile*, a smart one-cylinder runabout, weighing only 700 pounds. This car sold for \$650 and its operation was "so simple that anyone could run it."

While the nation was set singing "In My Merry Oldsmobile," Henry M. Leland was supplying interchangeable parts for Olds' production and John F. and Horace Dodge were put to work for Olds. Olds Motor Works, the first automobile company organized in Michigan (1897), put De-



Above: The "granddaddy of all auto races"—the Indianapolis 500-mile Memorial Day classic.

Right: The "granddaddy of all auto racers"—Barney Oldfield—the symbol of early auto speed.



troit in the forefront as a motor center, producing one-third of the 11,200 automobiles built in 1903.

Meanwhile, in 1879 the Studebaker brothers, carriage makers, had begun experimenting with motor vehicles. In 1899 the Detroit Automobile Company, later to become Cadillac was started. And in 1901, when Olds was building 1500 curved-dash Oldsmobiles, David B. Buick was organizing the Buick Auto-Vim and Power Company. As early as 1899 Boston and New York City boasted garages for the repair of motor vehicles and the Automobile Club of America was organized. In 1901 New York pioneered in licensing motor vehicles.

It is said that when Packard was being organized and thought of locating in Cleveland, the head of the Chamber of Commerce there discouraged the venture with this comment, "We already have the Winton factory, and besides, we have just induced the largest clothespin manufacturer in the country to build a plant here."

But other men were more farsighted. One was Henry Ford. This farm boy from Michigan and engineer with the Detroit Electric

Company, had been putting gasoline engines together in the shop behind his home since 1893 and had built his first car in 1896. But it was not until Ford turned to racing, bringing out two identical racers, the famous "999" and the "Arrow" with motors which could develop 80 horsepower that he broke into the automobile business.

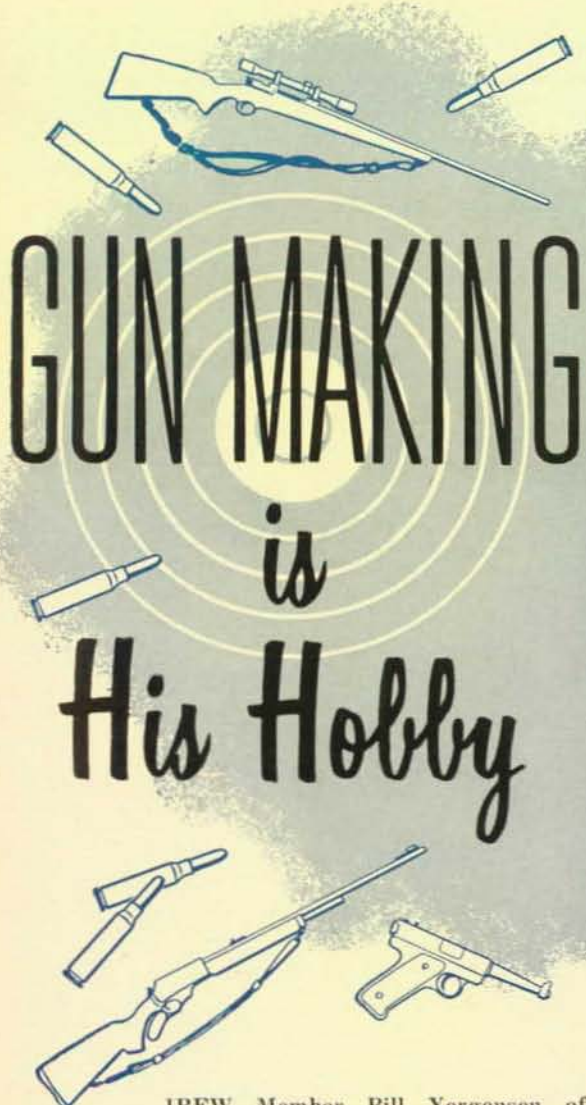
Barney Oldfield, famous bicycle racer, with the familiar feel of a specially installed two-handled tiller in his hands, swung "999" into the lead at the three-mile Grosse Pointe race track and with a spectacular exhibition of speed and daring, with flames licking around the motor, brought "999" in, a half mile ahead of the nearest car. That was Memorial Day, 1903.

On June 16, 1903 the Ford Motor Company was organized. The Dodge brothers went to work supplying parts for Ford; and by 1905, 1,700 Model A "Fordmobiles" had been sold at \$850 each. In that year, Ford offered his Model "N" for \$500. (That same year Buick Company built its original valve-in-head engine which has been a Buick feature ever since.) Establishing the then unheard of 8-hour day with a minimum wage of \$5.00 per day, Ford set up an assembly line which com-

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Near the end of the assembly line in a modern auto factory of today. Hood is about to go on.





GUN MAKING is His Hobby

IBEW Member Bill Yergensen of L.U. 354, Salt Lake City, with some of his collection—all made by him.



WE have a good many members in this Brotherhood of ours who are good marksmen and who list hunting as their sport or hobby. But here is a member, Brother Bill Yergensen of L. U. 354, Salt Lake City, Utah, who begins his hobby a few steps ahead of all of these. He builds the guns he uses to hunt and makes the ammunition for them.

Tedious Process

We visited Brother Yergensen in his home, saw his workshop and his sizable collection of guns, every one of which he had made himself. It is a tedious and complicated process but one which our Brother thoroughly enjoys. Brother Yergensen

carves the stocks for his guns, buys rough barrels, smooths them up and fits them to his carefully carved stocks. It takes at least 20 hours intricate work to fit the action to the stock.

Not content to manufacture his own guns, Brother Yergensen manufactures his own ammunition as well, as the photos on these pages show.

We asked Brother Yergensen how long he had had his interesting hobby.

"I've been interested in guns

ever since I can remember," Bro. Bill told us. "When I was a boy I always loved to shoot, but I couldn't afford to buy the ammunition, so I bought a loading device and began to make my own. And that's how it all started—how I got to be 'Gun Crank.'"

Strictly Hobby

Brother Yergensen's hobby could prove a rather remunerative one if he would let it—but he says no—he likes it strictly as a hobby. However, he has built numerous guns



Left: Yergensen knows value of learning to handle guns properly. Here, he teaches son, Philip, procedure.

Lower left: Hobbyist loads powder into bullets, which he also makes.

Below: Yergensen carves stock for a new gun. Austin, another son, watches.



for his friends and is in constant demand by friends and acquaintances to repair guns (not of his manufacture of course) that have gone haywire.

We asked Brother Yergensen if he had a favorite among the collection of guns he has made. He said yes, his favorite is a "Wild Cat Gun," not made commercially. Among other valuable assets, it has a trigger mechanism which he perfected himself.

Teaches Sons

Brother Yergensen has two enthusiastic followers in his sons Austin and Philip. He has made a gun for each of them and instructed them in its use and care.

Those of us who are safety-minded will find significance in

this statement in our article. Every year there are numerous persons all over our country who are killed or maimed by rifles and pistols. Some gun accidents are unavoidable but these are few in comparison with those which are caused by careless use of weapons in the hands of the inexperienced. Brother Yergensen spoke to us of the importance of the safety factor. If guns play any part at all in your sporting or hobby pleasures, know all you can about them. Always handle them carefully and intelligently and see that the members of your family are properly instructed along these lines.

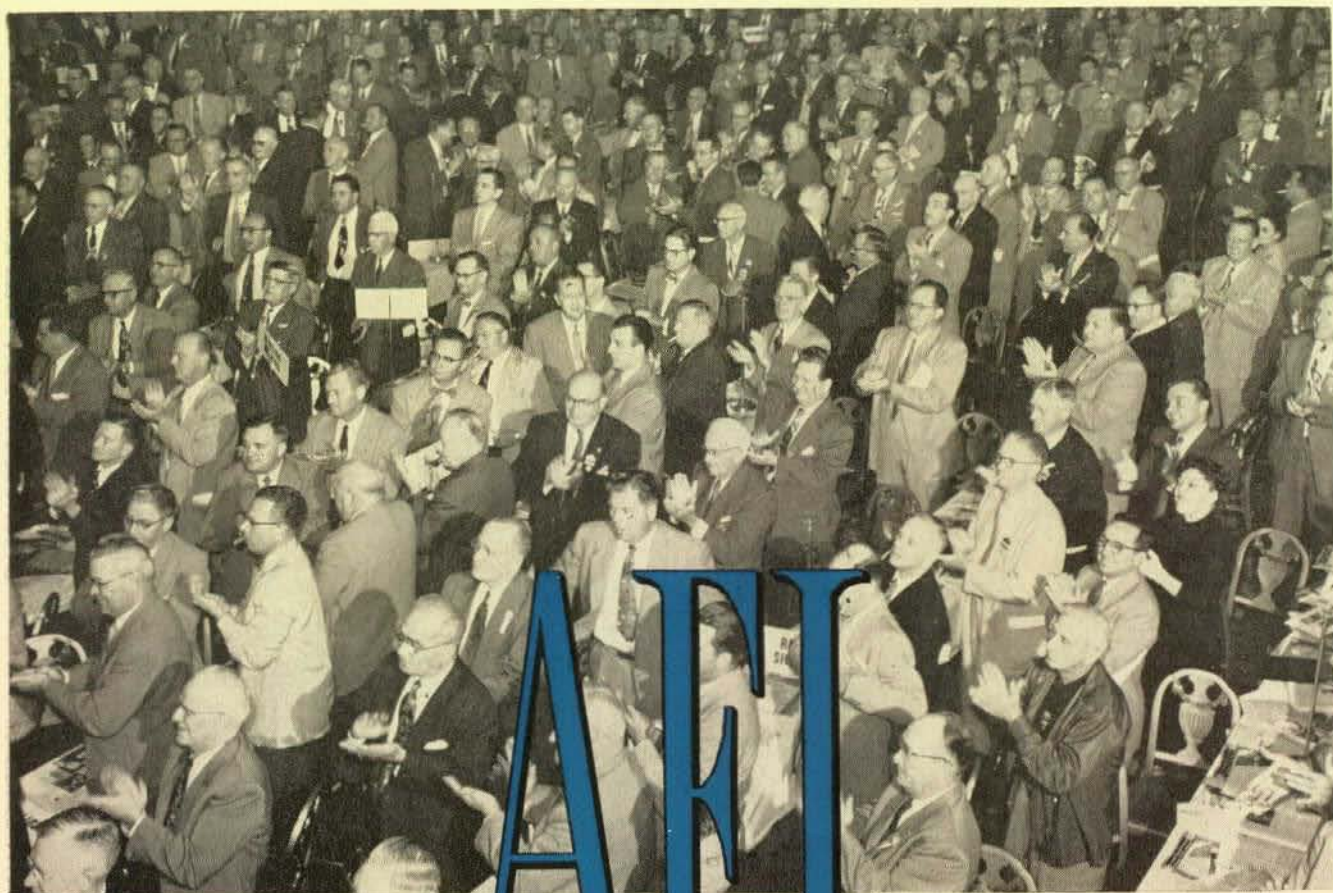
Early Start

Brother Yergensen, as we stated

above, learned to shoot early in life. He developed his shooting skill and accuracy by joining the Orem Rifle Club, Orem, Utah. It may interest our readers to know how many people have shooting and target practice for a hobby. An indication comes to us from the membership figures of the National Rifle Association which has now topped the half million mark.

The account of this hobby is just one more evidence that many of our Electrical Workers are extremely talented and versatile people.

We are happy to bring you another article on the interesting hobbies of our members. What's your hobby? Write us about it.



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HOLDS RECORD BREAKING MEETING



AT 10 o'clock on the morning of Monday, September 21, a band began to play, and 713 delegates and perhaps as many more guests, rose and sang the national anthems of the United States and Canada. It was a beautiful and impressive sight to see these men and women of labor, loyal to country and to the countrymen they serve, standing in the flag-draped Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel, and as free men, proclaiming their love and loyalty to the country of their choice.

This was the setting for the 72nd Convention of the American Federation of Labor—the largest in the Federation's history. As the Convention opened it was announced that the AFL membership figure had hit the 10 million mark,

an increase of more than a million over the total reported at the 1952 New York Convention.

This was by far the most dramatic and action-packed AFL conclave in many years. President George Meany did an outstanding job of presiding over the sessions and there was a profound feeling prevalent throughout the entire

convention, that here was a leader with ability and know-how, who could and would lead the American Federation of Labor to new heights. But at no time throughout the week's sessions did delegates or guests forget the old stalwart who guided the AFL through so many stormy years. In paying admiration and respect to a new leader, William Green and his service to organized labor were never forgotten.

Now, the Proceedings of this great convention cover 673 pages in very small print, and so it is impossible for us, in the few pages here allotted in your JOURNAL, to give you more than a highlight account of all that went on at this memorable meet—for it was a memorable meet and it made head-

lines in newspapers throughout the country because of the forward-looking action that delegates took there.

First, a summary of the outstanding resolutions passed at the Convention—the forging of a strong and ambitious program encompassing labor unity and jurisdictional peace within its own ranks, and the recommendations made for Government policy on both the national and international fronts.

These were the 10 most important steps taken by our representatives in St. Louis the week of September 21:

(1) The no-raiding pact with the C.I.O. formulated by the AFL Executive Council won unanimous approval. However, each AFL affiliated union can accept or reject the pact as it sees fit.

(2) A plan for formulation of machinery for ending jurisdictional disputes among AFL unions was adopted by the Convention.

(3) The delegates gave complete endorsement to former Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin and unanimous condemnation to the Administration, for breaking an agreement to recommend to Congress 19 Amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act.

(4) The Convention pledged itself with renewed determination to continue to fight for revision of the vicious anti-labor provisions of that law.

(5) President George Meany and Secretary-Treasurer William Schnitzler were unanimously elected to the top posts in the AFL official family. All incumbent vice presidents were reelected including our own International President, D. W. Tracy who now serves as Tenth Vice President. The convention also elected two additional Council Members, President Maurice A. Hutcheson of the Carpenters and Al J. Hayes of the Machinists, 14th and 15th Vice Presidents respectively.

(6) The delegates passed resolutions endorsing a strong legislative program for 1954, including a broad housing program, Social Security improvement, Federal aid to education, civil rights legisla-



The IBEW delegation at the AFL convention included Frank C. Riley, L. M. Bledsoe, J. Scott Milne, D. W. Tracy, Frank Jacobs, Joe Keenan. Brotherhood had 3,458 votes.

Right: International Secretary J. Scott Milne was snapped by the photographer as he spoke from the convention floor, nominating President Tracy for council seat.

Below: Al Hayes, International President of the Machinists, received a lei from a Hawaiian delegate as he entered the hall. He was elected to new A.F.L. Council seat.



Below: Delegates to the St. Louis convention were well aware, as they registered, that the meeting would go down in labor history as momentous.





Left: Officers of the Metal Trades Department are administered the oath of office. Fifth from the right is President Tracy. Metal Trades convention was held immediately before the AFL conclave.

tion, strengthening of the Department of Labor, protection for Federal Government employees and fair taxes for all.

(7) With regard to foreign policy, the Convention advocated adoption of a strong foreign policy program, calling for a top-level conference of the leaders of the free world to cement unity, shun appeasement and agree on a joint stand with regard to specific world problems.

(8) Following the courageous step taken in expelling the gangster-dominated International Longshoremen from the AFL, the Convention chartered a new AFL International Longshoremen's Association to serve as an honest and democratic collective bargaining agent for our nation's dockworkers.

(9) The delegates pledged themselves and their organizations to a stepped-up political drive next year to elect a liberal Congress in the 1954 elections.

(10) This tenth point is not of extreme importance among the resolutions passed, but will be of interest to our readers—Los Angeles was selected for the Convention City for 1954 and Chicago for 1955.

During the five-day session, delegates heard many prominent speakers from many walks of life, all of whom had messages of interest and importance to bring to all interested in the future of labor and the future of our country.

AFL President George Meany made a fiery keynote speech which brought many bursts of applause

from an intent audience. He outlined a program to bring progress to the nation and peace to the world. He denounced Big Business domination of Congress and the Administration and called for a stepping-up of political action by labor to halt the reactionary trend.

Mr. Meany's talk was a strong and stirring one in which he stood up for the rights of all working people, but he also took a firm stand for the protection and preservation of our country. "We think," he said, "primarily of the fact that what is good for America, is good for the American Federation of Labor."

Another speaker whom the entire convention waited anxiously to hear, was the former Secretary of Labor, the Plumbers' Marty Durkin. The wild and vigorous applause which he received both before and after his simple, sincere address, with full explanation of his recent action, were proof enough of whom the AFL Convention delegates thought was right in the controversy which prompted Mr. Durkin's resignation.

After hearing Mr. Durkin's talk, delegates awaited with interest the appearance of the President's emissary, Vice President Richard Nixon. While the feeling toward the Vice President was perhaps something less than cordial, it is certainly to the credit of the Convention delegates that the recep-

President Tracy, as a Vice President of the Federation, was busy throughout the meeting. Here he confers on the rostrum with Federation President George Meany.



Joe Keenan and J. Scott Milne talk earnestly on affairs of importance to labor with Oregon Sen. Wayne Morse.

tion given to Mr. Nixon was polite and his message was courteously received. It is significant, however, that at only one point in his message did he receive loud, spontaneous applause. It was when he said, "If the Administration serves the greedy few, as has been charged, it will lose the election in four years."

On the same day as the Nixon address, at the afternoon session, Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, came to bring a message to the A.F. of L. The contrast between his reception and the Vice Presi-



Above: This charter for the new Longshoremen's union was presented on the stage after the convention voted to put I.L.A. out of Federation.



Right: Surrounded by his fellow delegates of ILA and eager newspapermen, Joe Ryan (back of the man with glasses), goes out of convention hall.

Many friendships were renewed during the meeting. Here is the happy reunion between Louis Marcianite of the New Jersey Federation (and the IBEW Executive Council) and Truman.



dent's was marked. He was given a tumultuous ovation which went on for minutes from a standing, cheering audience.

Senator Morse made a blistering attack on the Administration in which he said, "The Cadillac crusade is driving at breakneck speed away from a constitutional liberal government . . .

"The most effective roadblock

that can stop it," he declared, "is the election in 1954 of a Democratic Congress."

There were many more speakers who brought important thoughts and observations and advice to the delegates in convention assembled. We only wish space would permit even a brief summary.

Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri, former Secretary of the

A group of delegates to the convention inspect the architect's rendering of the proposed new headquarters building of the American Federation of Labor in Washington. It will face the White House across Lafayette Park.



The genial new secretary of the AFL, William F. 'Bill' Schnitzler, gives handclasp to a visitor from Indonesia.





Above: Observers of the proceedings crowded the gallery of the convention hall in the Jefferson Hotel each day.

Air Force, ripped into the Eisenhower Administration for whittling down the nation's air power and then breaking faith with the American people by not telling them the truth about weakening their armed strength.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles won the respect of the Convention by saying that "Labor has done more than any other single body to explode the Communist myth," and further added, "In such efforts there should be a closer partnership between us. You have not always received the official support and backing you deserve."

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and

Welfare, paid tribute to labor as having played a great and necessary role in the struggle to make our country strong and free.

The fraternal delegates from Great Britain and Canada and the representatives from foreign labor bodies all brought messages of information and inspiration to the Convention.

Local labor people and members of the AFL staff likewise presented worthwhile messages, well received.

Jim McDevitt, Director of Labor's League for Political Education, made a strong appeal for action—for action *now* so that our "trade union duty of defeating our enemies and electing our



Mrs. Oveta Hobby, Secretary of State Dulles and former Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin in impromptu reunion.



The I.B.E.W. delegation to the convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department photographed.



The delegation of our Brotherhood at the convention of the Metal Trades Department is pictured at the meeting.



friends" can and will be accomplished in 1954.

There was another speaker whom we must mention in connection with this historic convention.

On Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, a special order of business was a beautiful and impressive memorial service for William Green, attended by members of his family, and at which former President Harry S. Truman was principal speaker. In his tribute to former AFL President Green he said, "William Green made one of the great contributions to the welfare of our country. He believed in the welfare of the people, he believed in helping people, he be-

lieved in making life better for those people who did not have a good life."

This memorial service was one of the memorable events of the Convention.

There were other impressive memories which the delegates to this convention will not soon relinquish. We shall mention a few of them in a moment. But first a word as to the part our own organization, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, played in this 72nd Convention. All of us are interested in the operations of our parent body the AFL, as a whole, but as IBEW members our particular interest

must center in our own officers and delegates to the convention. As a convention visitor, this writer was impressed with the prominent part our Brotherhood took this year and always seems to take in the AFL picture.

Our President D. W. Tracy as Tenth Vice President and a member of the AFL Executive Council, must necessarily contribute substantially to the formulation of AFL policy. He is a member of the CIO-AFL Unity Committee, from whose work came the outstanding action of the Convention—the no-raiding pact—the first step toward AFL-CIO unity.

President Tracy at one of the Convention sessions presided at the request of Mr. Meany and did an excellent job. He served on the Committee on the Executive Council's Report and on certain escort committees.

Secretary J. Scott Milne, likewise played a more than routine role at this historic meet. In addition to serving on two committees—State Organizations, and International Labor Relations—he addressed the convention in his capacity as International President and Fraternal Delegate of the International Labor Press of America and also made the speech nominating Mr. Tracy for AFL 10th Vice President.

Our other IBEW delegates to the convention were Frank C. Riley, Joseph D. Keenan, L. M. Bledsoe and Vice President Frank Jacobs. Brother Keenan is also secretary of the AFL Building Trades Department.

These were the official delegates from the Electrical Workers. However, there were a number of other members of our Brotherhood present as delegates to the Convention as Presidents of State Federations or Central Labor Unions. Some of these were: Frank G. Roche (Florida); E. W. Collier (Georgia); C. E. Solander (Kansas); Executive Council Member Louis P. Marcianti (New Jersey); C. A. Fink (North Carolina).

From Central Labor Unions: John E. Breidenbach (Dayton, Ohio); R. J. Carmichael (Schenec-

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Mike Fox, IBEW member and President of Railway Employees Dept., chats with Pres. G. E. Leighty, Railroad Telegraphers.



President Meany welcomes Vice President Nixon, who was received politely by delegates but his account of The Durkin Story was heard with obvious disbelief.



Below: Frank Turco, the Federation's perennial stormy petrel, at the mike to make his view known.



Delegation of foreign visitors hears proceedings by means of instantaneous translations by man at front on right.



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THE I.B.E.W. was doubly honored at the 42nd Annual Convention of the International Labor Press of America, held in St. Louis September 18 to 21 this year, first by having International Secretary J. Scott Milne, Editor of the *ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL*, unanimously elected president of the I.L.P.A. and second, by having your *JOURNAL* receive the number one—top award in the annual competition, the prize for "General Editorial Excellence."

The I.L.P.A. Convention this year was an extremely interesting one, well attended. The formal opening of the convention was preceded by a panel discussion and forum held on Friday afternoon, September 18, at which practical topics of keen interest to the editors present were discussed by experts, and thrown open to a question-and-answer period. Methods of News Gathering, Use of News Services, Editorial Policy, Advertising, Cartoons, were some of the topics treated upon by leaders, Irving Klass, *Chicago Federationist*; Richard Estep, *Labor Temple News*; Phil Pearl, director, *A.F.L. News Service*; Bernard Mullady, director of Labor Press Associated; Herb Little, U.S. Labor Department; Don Hurd, editor, *Typographical Journal*; Spencer McCollough, editor and reported, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; Charles Clay-

ton, editorial writer, *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*; Carl Bjorklund, Kable Brothers; Alex Smith, Union Advertising; Ralph White, editor *Labor's Daily*, and James M. Ragsdale, Ransdell, Inc.

This interesting forum was chaired by the editor of our *JOURNAL*, J. Scott Milne.

The I.L.P.A. Convention proper convened at 9:30 a.m. on September 19, 1953 with Vice President Frank X. Martel in the chair. The meeting was lively and very well attended with 120 official delegates present and many more visitors and guests.

There were a number of promi-

nent speakers who addressed the convention sessions, among them John R. Rollings, president of the Missouri State Federation of Labor who was high in his praise of improvements in the labor press.

A.F.L. President George Meany in his address to the convention said: "A good job is being done by the labor press. Most of our people never attend an A.F.L. Convention. Its influence must come to them through our labor press, and as far as I can influence it, the American Federation of Labor will be behind the labor press 100 percent."

Secretary-Treasurer Schnitzler,



Above: Your Journal's award from International Labor Press was for first place General Editorial Excellence.

Left: Secretary Scott Milne accepts the award of excellence from retiring ILPA president, Matthew Woll, to whose vacant office he was elected by group.



who served last year as a vice president of the International Labor Press of America said: "There is a new spirit of enthusiasm in the A.F. of L. The labor press is fully equipped to exploit this spirit and the A.F.L. must capitalize on it. My deepest sympathies are with the labor press."

Another speaker who addressed the I.L.P.A. delegates was Jim McDevitt, director of Labor's League for Political Education. He had this to say on behalf of the labor press: "It has done a magnificent job. We could never have achieved whatever success has been ours without the wonderful support given by the men and women of the labor press." Of course Mr. McDevitt urged all members of the labor press to the strongest support

of Labor's League in order to combat the forces of anti-unionism so prevalent today.

Space unfortunately will not permit comment on all the speakers who addressed the convention. There were two luncheon sessions. At one Mr. Sam Shelton, editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, gave an address on "Freedom of the Press." Mr. Shelton called the plays as he saw them, stating that the labor press is as representative an organ for the First Amendment as any organ could be. He stressed the responsibility of the labor press which comes with its privilege—the responsibility to truth and integrity—the duty of enkindling the "fire of zeal without setting off conflagrations of hate." He warned the labor press against the

very sin that the secular press is so guilty of—not presenting both sides of each question.

At the luncheon session on Sunday, our JOURNAL editor was principal speaker. Mr. Milne gave a brief report of his trip to Europe, an analysis of the recent strike situation in France and his impressions of the British Trades Union Congress. (*At a later date Mr. Milne will make a special report to our membership on these matters in an article here in the JOURNAL.*)

In the great grist of business conducted in the crowded two-day meeting, a number of resolutions were passed by the delegates—among them; a strong stand was taken against communism, and all

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This three-way handclasp between retiring President Matthew Woll, Secretary-Treasurer Lewis Herrman and incoming President Scott Milne shows labor press solidarity.



Editor J. Scott Milne points out to AFL President George Meany one of the five copies of our Journal upon which panel of University of Michigan judges based judgment that the magazine was highest in editorial excellence of all entries.



As chairman, Editor Milne leads a panel discussion of professional problems by editors in the labor field.



With the Ladies



"Wives Be Subject to Your Husbands"

GIRLS, I can hear you protesting now at the very title of our woman's page this month—which is the Biblical quote from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. But wait a minute, there's a method in the madness and let's hope friend husband doesn't read over our page this month and find out what the method is.

Women, from time immemorial, have squirmed under the accepted belief that men are superior to women, that a woman's husband is her lord and master and she should obey him and defer to his wishes in all things.

Now girls, actually, you know and I know, that many times, not every time mind you, but often a woman's judgment is better than her husband's, and if he would just let the little woman alone the affairs of his home and castle would go along smoothly and not get all fouled up as they often do when he asserts his male prerogative of directing from the helm.

When He's Boss

But girls, there is this to be said for letting your husband run things and be boss of your joint affairs. The man whose wife depends upon him, not just for her sustenance but for his decisions, his advice, is generally a happier man—psychologists have proved this. He is generally a better provider, works harder for his wife and family, does more things around the home to keep it in good repair, is more devoted to his home and family and much less inclined to philander. You've seen it hundreds of times. The gal who is the weak little clinging vine, usually has a

husband who adores her and who will take his hard-earned bonus to get her a fur coat or the silver service she's been wanting.

Let Jane Do It!

On the other hand, the man who is married to the strong, independent type of woman, suffers inwardly from the feeling that he is not absolutely essential to the welfare of his wife and family. So if the kitchen needs painting—so what—she does everything else, let her paint it. Buy her pretty gifts? Heck no! "She probably wouldn't like what I'd pick," or "She'd rather have the money."

And thus the strong, independent woman sometimes has to pay the price for refusing to have humility and bowing to her husband in anything.

Now ladies, far be it from me to advise any girl to be a doormat for her husband, but I'd like to give this bit of advice—go through the motions at least of being "subject to your husband" and you'll find that life will be a lot happier for friend husband and consequently for you.

There is a certain inner something in every one of us, male and female, that desperately desires to be appreciated, to be deferred to, to really count with other people, and especially a man wants to be appreciated, and respected, and admired by his wife.

Try A Little Strategy

So gals, for the happiest kind of home life, here's a course of action. If you are just not the type to actually be "subject to your husband," just act as if you were. This isn't really deceitful—it's using your feminine wiles to create a better life for both of you. Now how do you go about this bit of chicanery? Consult your husband about things. Flatter him a little. Ask his opinion. You can do things your way but pretend they're his way. For example you can say, "John, dear, of course we'll paint the house whatever color you think best, but don't you think white with green shutters would be nice." And lady, 99 times out of a hundred, if you work it this way,

he'll agree with you, even if he thinks a dull brown would be much more practical.

Use Tact

Then, by using the tact that we women are supposed to be noted for, you can get your husband to believe that certain things you do were his idea, when actually the poor man had no more to do with them than the corner grocer or the laundryman.

For instance, my friend Myra Brown, who is past master at this sort of thing, and with her husband Paul, shares one of the happiest marriages I've ever known, said to her husband last week:

"Darling, you said our living room was a little drab and I got bright new drapes just to please you. They're green too, your favorite color. Oh, I hope the room looks the way you want it now."

Harmless Trick

And Paul who didn't want to spend the money for new drapes in the first place, was overheard telling an admiring neighbor a few days later, "Yes, I told Myra I thought some new green drapes would do a lot to brighten up the living room." And he really believed he'd said it.

It's a harmless little trick girls, that pays real dividends in a happier married life. Better try it some time.

And now to round off our page, I've found a most interesting list of "Ten Commandments for Wives," written by Reverend Frank E. Rideout. Thought you might like to see them and perhaps heed them. They



really contain words of wisdom that every one of us could follow for a happier married life. Here they are:

COMMANDMENTS FOR MARRIED FOLK TO MAKE THE HOME A PLACE OF JOY

For Wives

1. Thou shalt not be a spendthrift. Do not squander thy husband's money.
2. Thou shalt not talk shop when thy husband returns at night.
3. Thou shalt not fail to have his meals on time.
4. Thou shalt not quiz thy wedded husband. Be adroit and he will tell thee all.
5. Thou shalt not nag thy wedded husband. Hit him with an ax. It is more kind.
6. Thou shalt not fail to dress up for thy husband as thou didst before marriage.
7. Thou shalt not try to fight thy husband. Crying will fetch him sooner.
8. Thou shalt not expect thy husband to apologize—even when he is wrong. Let it pass.
9. Thou shalt not hesitate to assure thy husband that he is the greatest man alive.
10. Thou shalt not remind thy husband what a sacrifice thou didst make to marry him.

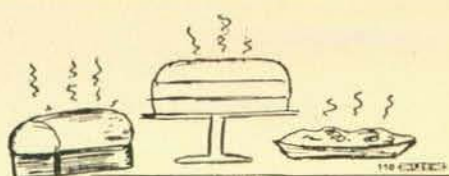
And then gals, just in case friend husband ever wants a list of things which, according to the experts, he should not do—here's his list of Ten Commandments:

For Husbands

1. Thou shalt not think that thyself are "It."
2. Thou shalt not praise thy neighbor's wife; praise Thine own.
3. Thou shalt not share the love of thy wife with the booze shop. She deserveth it all.
4. Thou shalt not be stingy with thy wife.
5. Thou shalt not keep any secrets from thy wife. Secrets breed suspicion and wreck confidence.
6. Thou shalt not refuse to talk with thy wife after the day's work is done.
7. Thou shalt not fail to provide life insurance for thy family.
8. Thou shalt not scold thy wife when the meat burns. Blow up a powder mill instead.
9. Thou shalt not fail to kiss thy wife good-by every morning.
10. Thou shalt not forget through all the years of thy life that thy wife, whom God hath given as thy companion, is thy superior.



Let's Bake



You know girls, there's nothing that makes a man so happy with "the little woman" as when she spends a day in the kitchen making homemade bread or baking his favorite cake.

We have a spotlight story on Salt Lake City in our *Journal* this month and while we were there, Mrs. William Yergensen (her husband's and sons' pictures appear in our hobby story this month) gave us some bread recipes which are favorites with the men in her family. They are typical Salt Lake City recipes she tells us. Here they are:

POTATO BREAD

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| 1½ cups potato water | 1 yeast cake |
| 1½ cups canned milk | 2 tablespoons melted shortening |
| 1 level tablespoon salt | 2 tablespoons sugar |

Sifted flour to make medium soft dough

Dissolve yeast cake in ¼ cup lukewarm water. Combine potato water, milk, shortening, sugar, add yeast mixture and part of the flour. Beat well with rotary or electric beater. Add salt and enough flour to make medium soft dough. Knead for 10 minutes till velvety on floured board. Set in greased bowl, grease top of dough. Cover, let rise until double in bulk. Punch down lightly, let rise again, then knead very lightly and shape into loaves. Put into greased bread tins and grease top of loaves. When nearly double in bulk bake at 375° for 45 minutes to an hour. Remove from tins, rub top and sides with shortening, wrap in bread cloth or clean towels.

BROWN BREAD

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| 3 cups milk | 3 tablespoons honey (molasses may be used) |
| 1 yeast cake dissolved in ½ cup warm water | 3 tablespoons shortening |
| | 7 to 8 cups whole wheat flour |

Heat milk, honey and shortening. Cool and put yeast mixture with this and one tablespoon salt. Beat and stir in seven or eight cups of whole wheat flour. (This makes a heavy batter.) Pour into loaf tins and let rise until double in bulk. Bake at 350° for one hour.

Raisins, nuts, and sugar may also be added.

And now, if you want to go all out with something sweet and wonderful and completely ruinous to diets, but sure to make a hit with your husband and everybody else, please try this favorite of Mrs. Frank Kauffman of St. Louis. Her husband is our faithful and very competent press secretary of L.U. No. 1.

CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM CAKE

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| ½ cup butter | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1¼ cups sugar | 2 cups cake flour |
| 2 eggs, unbeaten | ½ teaspoon soda |
| 1 cup sweet milk | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 1½ squares melted chocolate (Baker's unsweetened) | |

Sift flour, soda and salt twice. Blend vanilla and milk. Cream the butter and sugar thoroughly. Add the eggs one at a time to butter and sugar, cream, then alternate the flour and milk mixtures, beating after each addition. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes three, eight-inch layers.

Filling

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| 1½ cups sweet milk | 2 egg yolks |
| 3 tablespoons flour | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| ½ cup sugar | 1 teaspoon vanilla |

Sugar mixed with flour and salt, gradually add milk, add beaten egg yolks; cook in top of double boiler until smooth and thick, stirring constantly. When cool add vanilla and spread between layers of cake.

Icing

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| 4 tablespoons soft butter | 2 egg whites, unbeaten |
| 2 cups powdered sugar | 1 square melted chocolate (Baker's) |
| | 1 teaspoon vanilla |

Melt chocolate and add sugar, butter, egg whites (unbeaten) and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Be sure cake is cool before adding the filling and icing.



Q. Regarding slip ring motors on overhead cranes:

Some manufacturers of cranes hold 2 slip rings on crane motors at full resistance while they step one ring all the way out to the Y center, and then start stepping the resistance out on the 2nd ring and so on.

I have wired other cranes which on the 1st controller point, would have resistance in, only between 2 rings and the 3rd ring open. Still other cranes with equal steps of resistance all stepped out equally between all rings; to the center of the resistance Y.

Why all of the different hookups?

Also please tell me how to figure the size and resistance of grids necessary for crane motors as the hoist, trolley, bridge. I have installed what were identical but spare slip ring motors on cranes and the spare motors ran at practically full speed all of the time. The drum control steps had little or no effect on the motor speed. Say on a 15 hp crane motor 197 ring volts and 65 amps, what is the full resistance in each ring leg and what ohmage steps should they be broken into?

RAY E. ROEHRIG,
Local 134.

A. The different hookups for the grids on the slip ring motors are purely the selections of the manufacturers, designed by tests and experiments and decided upon by

them as the best operating conditions for their respective motor. Oftentimes they have a particular hookup so that any replacements will assure their own equipment being obtained.

In regard to the question of why the drum control had little or no effect on the motor speed on the spare motor replacement, it sounds as if the spare motor's rotor was 'shorted' and therefore full speed was obtained as soon as power was applied. To test for a shorted rotor on should simply lift up the brushes and if the rotor comes up to speed immediately on applying current to the stator then the rotor is shorted. If this does not result with brushes lifted off the commutator but full speed is obtained when the brushes are in place and full resistance is in the secondary, then the brushes could be reversed in their holders thereby causing a shorted rotor.

To find the total resistance in each ring leg for maximum torque at locked rotor for the 15 HP crane motor with a secondary current of 65 amperes, one may use

the following simple formula for a 'star' connected motor:

$$R = \frac{249 \times H.P.}{I_s^2}$$

$$R = \frac{249 \times 15}{65^2}$$

$$R = .86 \text{ ohms/leg}$$

The resistance steps or taper for slip-ring motors may be selected from the table below.

The number of steps depend upon the performance desired and the type of work being handled by the crane.

The handbook gives the following formulae for controller resistance in each phase.

If connected in 'star':

$$R = \frac{E \times K}{1.73 I_s}$$

If connected in 'delta':

$$R = \frac{1.73 E \times K}{I_s}$$

K is a factor introduced to allow for voltage drop in the line and for motor resistance drop and leakage drop. This factor will vary with the size of motor and with the inrush in percent of full load allowed. The values are picked from a set of curves.

Comment by Readers

EDITOR: In looking over the diagram of Geo. Mullen in the June issue showing two 3-ways controlling a magnetic switch I find that he leaves it in a dangerous situation for the repair man. If you trace L2 you will find that it feeds through the coil and pilot lights back to T2 and on to the motor leads. All 3 leads are hot even if the magnetic switch is off. A single pole switch in L1 would do no good.

His idea is good and could be

No. of Steps	Secondary Inrush	Primary Inrush	Taper of Resistance Step in Percentage of Total
1	320	300	100
2	250	230	70 - 30
3	210	195	55 - 30 - 15
4	180	165	40 - 30 - 20 - 10
5	166	155	34 - 26 - 19 - 13 - 8
6	155	150	29 - 23 - 18.5 - 13.5 - 9.5 - 6.5

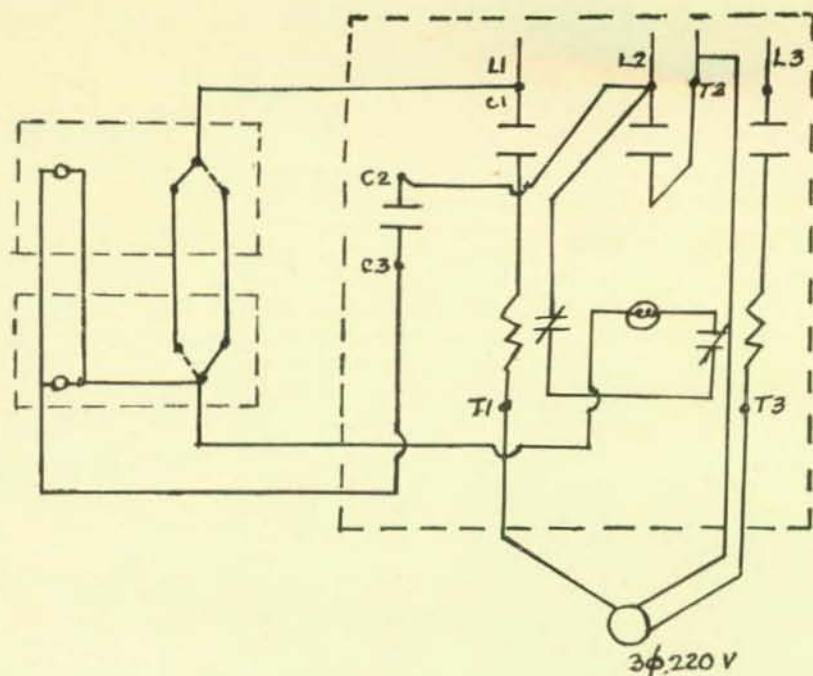


Diagram submitted by Brother J. R. Truley, Local 59.

rectified by letting the switch leg go directly to the coil and letting the interlock C2 and C3 energize the pilot lights.

Am enclosing a diagram which may keep some repair man from getting the heck knocked out of him.

I think it is a bad idea to let the pilot light circuit come off the load side of a magnetic even when using momentary push buttons. It all leads to a feed back to the motor.

J. R. TRULEY,
L.U. 59,
Dallas, Texas.

EDITOR: With reference to the question in the June '53 JOURNAL of Bro. W. F. DeLeiol concerning a 1.5 H.P. 3-ph. 4-speed, 550-Volt motor operated on 440 Volts, I would disagree with your statement that a 20% decrease in voltage causes a 20% increase in current.

From the question I would consider the motor to be a constant H.P. motor delivering 1.5 H.P. at all four speeds. We can discuss the problem at one speed only so will use a speed of 1750 R.P.M.

The H.P. of any motor is directly proportioned to its torque and speed so for a 1.5 H.P. motor operating at its rated voltage and a

speed of 1750 R.P.M. the torque will be:

$$T = \frac{\text{H.P.} \times 5252}{\text{R.P.M.}}$$

this equals

$$T = \frac{1.5 \times 5252}{1750} = 4.5 \text{ ft. lbs.}$$

The torque of any induction motor is directly proportioned to the square of the applied voltage. Now if a 1.5 H.P. motor normally operating on 550 volts has a torque of 4.5 ft. lbs. on 440 volts or 80% of normal voltage it would have .80² or 64% torque or 2.88 ft. lbs. Now 2.88 ft. lbs. at the same speed gives us a motor rated at .97 H.P.

The starting current is directly proportional to the applied voltage so the starting current would be 80% of that on 550 V. The starting and max. torques would be only 64% of normal on 550 V.

There are 25% more turns per phase in the 550 V. stator winding, than in a 440 V. winding so the magnetizing current is less and the flux in the iron less.

If we tried to load the motor to 1.5 H.P. the rotor would slow down below rated speed and the counter E.M.F. of rotation would decrease to a point where an excess current would flow causing heat-

ing. The motor might even pull out and stall.

The effects of undervoltage within small (10%) limits are these:—

Decrease of magnetic field.

Decrease of magnetizing current.

Decrease in starting and max. torques.

Slightly increases power factor.

Decreases speed, caused by increased rotor copper loss.

May increase or decrease efficiency depending upon distribution of losses.

Temperature may or may not increase, depending upon losses.

If this 550 V. motor was run on 440 V. and a 1.5 H.P. load imposed it would be approximate 55% overloaded.

CHAS. W. WARD,
L.U. 121.

EDITOR: Over an extended period of time there have been many questions as to how to determine the size of a motor to pull a given load, and there have been an equal quantity of varied high-brow mathematical and theoretical solutions.

A motor must have suitable characteristics and/or horse power to start the load and have horse power to pull it at a satisfactory speed throughout a series of operations.

A practical approach having deadly accuracy is to drive the load under actual operating conditions with a D.C. motor, size sufficient, but not too large. An ammeter and voltmeter in the motor leads will give a pretty close check as to what the job requires.

Then if it is desired to use an A.C. induction motor put on one of about the above horse power. If it starts the load and pulls it at par speed and does not get too hot, take it off and put on one of the next smaller size, etc., until a size is found that will start and pull the job and not exceed the temperature of 80 or 90°C after its longest run. A.C. induction motors should be run "red-hot" as far as possible so as to keep up the power factor. Cotton covered magnet wire which is probably the poorest insulation used today will

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AFL Convention

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tady, New York); Frank E. Doyle (South Chicago, Illinois); Clement F. Preller (District of Columbia).

In addition, Michael Fox, representing the Railroad Employees Department of the AFL, is a member of the IBEW.

Brothers Fox, Marciante, Riley, Roche, Keenan, Preller and Bridenbach all served on various important convention committees during the course of the meeting.

Space will permit little additional comment on the AFL Convention, but there are just a few closing comments we should like to make.

This 72nd AFL Conclave was full of dramatic, memorable events. It was an active and not a passive convention. Few delegates or visitors will forget Joseph F. Ryan's half-hour plea to the delegates not to expel the Longshorem from the AFL parent body. Few will forget the courageous action taken in the roll call vote when the AFL showed that it will not uphold racketeering and gangsterism in any affiliate, and the dramatic exit of the Longshorem from the convention hall.

There were other moments perhaps less dramatic, but certainly significant. At each convention, the AFL's stormy petrel, Frank Turco, president of a small Federal union of newsboys in Seattle, takes the floor often and sounds forth his views. The AFL is a truly democratic organization and Delegate Turco has his day *and his say* often, and delegates from unions with hundreds of thousands of members pay him respectful attention. This is democracy in action.

There is another memory which we believe delegates to the 72nd Convention of the A.F. of L will keep for more than a few weeks. That is the impression to eye and ear of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union choral group singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." In a way, that beautiful song so expertly executed

Edwards Appointed Vice President



ARTHUR E. EDWARDS

October 8, 1953, by appointment of International President D. W. Tracy, and confirmed by our International Executive Council, Arthur E. Edwards became International Vice President of the Seventh District of the IBEW. Brother Edwards had formerly been an International Representative and right hand man to Vice President W. L. (Louie) Ingram who passed away September 21, the victim of a heart attack.

Vice President Edwards has been a member of our Brotherhood since April 16, 1930 when he was initiated into Local Union 1141 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Since January of 1940 he has been a member of the International staff, assigned to work of the Seventh District.

Vice President Ingram passed away only two weeks previous to the convening of the Seventh District Progress Meeting which he had arranged for October 9, 10, and 11 in Houston. This meeting, while overshadowed by the sorrow of Vice President Ingram's untimely passing, was carried on as scheduled and was expertly conducted by the new Vice President. The states comprising the Seventh District over which Vice President Edwards has jurisdiction are: Arizona, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

We know we speak for our entire Brotherhood when we offer congratulations to Vice President Edwards and wish him a most successful tenure of office.

by these Brothers and Sisters of ours in the A.F. of L., symbolized the 72nd convention and the new spirit dominant in the American Federation of Labor.

As George Meany put it "This organization knows where it is going. We have no trouble wrestling in our minds as to what our objective is—the objective of build-

ing up the standards of the great mass of workers in this nation."

As the Garment Workers sang it: "His truth is marching on!" Yes, the American Federation of Labor is proclaiming the truth and leading the way to a better life for not just the working people of the United States and Canada but for all people!

Spotlight on Salt Lake City

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ahead across the plains and find a site. A crack team of vigorous young men trained in frontier life and in trades and crafts was chosen. The group included 143 men, three women and two children.

The push began April 5, 1847. It took 111 days to go a thousand miles. There were no bridges and no roads. The wagons were pulled by oxteams and cows. The dust was so bad, that special precaution had to be taken to walk sheep out of the trails because the dust would kill them. Sometimes the wagons sank in quicksand. Sometimes Indians attacked. The story of how the Mormons floated their wagons across the Platte River is a story of courage and ingenuity.

Epidemic Strikes

On the 9th of July, an epidemic of mountain fever broke out. Some of the men went down as if they had been struck by an ax. Progress was almost at a standstill. But sick and weary they pushed on. They knew if they did not reach their destination soon it would be too late to plant crops and they faced starvation the following winter. As they forced their way ahead, they moved boulders, chopped trees and built a road so that the later companies who would follow them could make good time.

On July 21, 1847 an advance company of 40 picked their way into Echo Canyon, through Emigration Pass and finally into the valley of the Great Salt Lake. On July 24 the rest of the company came rumbling down out of the mountains. Brigham Young painfully raised himself up out of his sickbed. He looked out over the vast valley with the blue sea in the distance. He then uttered those simple words which have gone down in history: "This Is the Place."

Brigham Young must have been inspired at that moment with a vision of what *could* come to pass,

for on that day the valley was a barren waste of sage brush with a dead sea and only one poor tree on the face of the land. (Incidentally that tree is preserved as a shrine today.)

Horace Greeley said of the place — "If the Mormons paid the Government a penny an acre for that parched, blistering sterility, they were swindled."

One of the three women in Young's advance company looking out on the alkali flats said: "Weary as I am, discouraged as I am, I would yet go further."

But the Mormons went no further. They stayed and they created in the wilderness as beautiful a city as our world has yet seen.

The very day they arrived they planted their crops. Four days after, Brigham Young walked out into the valley and placing his cane upright in the ground said: "Here we will build a temple to our God." It is on this site that the Temple stands today—the temple whose granite blocks were hauled from quarries 18 miles by ox teams. The glorious temple known all over the world, that it took 40 years and four million dollars to build!

And that in briefest form is the story of the Mormon pioneers. There are more wonderful stories if space would only permit our recounting them for you, tales of faith and hope and courage and people helping one another. The story of the gulls is one we must take time for.

The Heavens Were Black

The pioneers had planted thousands of acres of land in the spring of 1848. They were hundreds of miles away from other communities—their stores were used up in the planting. Those crops meant food the next winter or starvation. It was as definite as that. And then came the crickets.

The pioneers recorded that "the heavens were black with crickets." They swarmed over the green fields eating everything in sight. With their usual energy and courage, the pioneers beat, shoveled, drowned and burned the crickets. But still they came, more and

more of them. The settlers nearly abandoned hope, but they prayed God for deliverance, and then their record books declare, "the heavens became black with gulls." The gulls ate the crickets in enormous quantities—regurgitated and came back for more. The crops were saved. And today there is a monument to the gulls on the Temple Grounds in Salt Lake, the only monument in the world erected to birds.

The Mormons called their settlement, State of "Deseret," a word taken from the book of Mormon, meaning honey bee and symbolizing thrift and industry. (The beehive later came to be the emblem of the State of Utah.) Deseret was later changed to Utah, derived from the Ute Indian language, meaning "Top of the Mountains," thus fulfilling a prophecy that the Mormons would find their Zion in the tops of high mountains.

Petitioned Congress

In July 1849 the first legislature of the State of Deseret met with Brigham Young as Governor, and petitioned Congress for admission to the Union. The petition was denied and the following year the territorial government of Utah was established with all offices except four filled with Mormons including President Young as Governor. It took Utah 46 years to attain statehood, however, until 1896, and only after a provision was adopted, forever banning plural marriage.

We think it only fair in telling of the history of the Mormon people and their Church to mention this matter of polygamy. This issue has long been the only point in the courageous history of the Mormon pioneers that many people choose to remember. Many persons back in the days when Utah was fighting for status as a state, and even in later years, believed that Mormon women were being degraded and that family life was being broken down.

This was not true. Only about three percent of all Mormon marriages were plural in the first place, and secondly, Mormons looked upon plural marriage as an ordinance of God and they re-

spected the family bond strictly. It is interesting to note in addition, that Utah women were the first in the United States permitted to vote.

So much for the history of Utah. It made rapid progress. Its University (of Deseret, now University of Utah) was founded in 1850, less than three years after arrival of the pioneers.

Transportation made spectacular progress in Utah. Freight and stage companies developed with the principal route through Salt Lake City. The Pony Express went through in 1860. In 1868, the Union Pacific building west from Omaha, and the Central Pacific (now Southern Pacific) building east from Sacramento, met at Promontory, northwest of Ogden and here the golden and silver spikes commemorating the event were driven.

Tourist "Musts"

In this cursory account of the story of Utah and Salt Lake, our readers have gotten a preview of the sights of interest that they should not miss whenever they visit the city. However, we shall review briefly some of the absolute "musts."

Temple Square is the first "must." This is the principal center of historic interest in Salt Lake. It occupies a 10-acre city block containing many interesting buildings and monuments, including the Mormon Temple, Tabernacle, first house built in Utah, the Seagull Monument.

The Temple is a beautiful structure. It is open only to members of the Mormon Church but its architecture and exquisitely kept grounds should certainly be viewed.

The Tabernacle with its huge dome-shaped silver roof is open to the public. It will seat 8,000 people. Its acoustic properties are remarkable. A pin dropped at the front of the auditorium can be heard at the extreme rear of the building—a distance of approximately 200 feet. Each day at noon a concert is given on the Great Tabernacle organ. This organ, one of the largest in the world, has

8,000 pipes. It was built by Utah artisans almost entirely by hand. Its pipes were brought 300 miles by ox team and are said to emit the sweetest and richest organ tones in the world.

Of course, since Salt Lake City is the capital of the State of Utah, the capitol building is a sight of interest to all visitors.

This capitol building is beautifully situated with the Wasatch Mountains forming an appropriate setting for its simple beauty. It was built at a cost of \$2,750,000. Its dome is made of Utah copper and its walls of Utah granite. It contains many pioneer relics and the monument to the Mormon battalion—longest infantry march on record—is on the Capitol grounds.

Brigham Young's grave and the Beehive House, former home of Brigham Young, are spots of historic interest.

The University of Utah, first university west of the Mississippi, merits a visit. It has a wonderful geological exhibit including five nearly complete dinosaur skeletons.

"This Is the Place" monument will be a desired tour for any who have followed with interest the story of the Mormon pioneers.

Nearly all sightseers want to visit the Great Salt Lake itself. It is the largest inland body of water in the West and the largest body of water at its altitude (4200 feet) anywhere in the world. It is seven times as salty as the ocean. Every year thousands of tons of salt are taken from the lake and processed for commercial purposes. Many people enjoy bathing in the lake where it is physically impossible to sink.

Great Copper Mine

A visit to Bingham a few miles from Salt Lake to see the largest open-pit copper mine in the world is something of interest to every tourist. (*We shall carry a full story about the Copper Mine and our members employed there, in a later issue of our JOURNAL.*)

Utah is a state of incomparable beauty. Its national parks and forests vie with the most beautiful in the world. Two of its best known scenic attractions are Zion

Park and Bryce Canyon. They are breathtakingly lovely.

There are many hundreds of charming intimate little bits of information we could bring to you about Utah and Salt Lake and their gracious, friendly people if space would only permit. Little notes like these few we still have space for.

In the summer time Sego lilies, Utah's state flower, may be seen everywhere. The people love them and perhaps one among many reasons is because they helped keep the Mormon pioneers from starving that first winter when they dug up the lily bulbs and ate them.

In the southeast corner of Utah is the only point in the United States where four states join. In addition to Utah, there are Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Speed Way

All the world's unlimited speed records for automobiles have been established on the Bonneville Salt Flats, west of Great Salt Lake. Ab Jenkins, former mayor of Salt Lake, made some of those world's records.

He is one of Salt Lake's more prominent sons from the field of sports. In the field of the creative arts, Maude Adams of *Peter Pan* and Hazel Dawn of *The Pink Lady* fame; Otto Hauerbach and Le Roy Robertson, composers, Emma Lucy Gates Bowen and Margaret Romaine of Grand Opera; Cyrus E. Dallin, Mahonri Young and Avar Fairbanks, sculptors; and Grant Johannsen, pianist, are all products of the great State of Utah.

Our women readers might like to hear something about Salt Lake's shops. Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution, generally known as ZCMI, is one of the city's finest stores. It was the first and is therefore the oldest department store in the United States. (Established 1868.)

It seems there is something interesting and fascinating in Salt Lake about even what is commonplace in most cities. Salt Lake's streets for example. These are 132 feet wide. Brigham Young had them laid out that way, so that oxcarts could be turned in them

easily. The marking of Utah's streets is supposed to be one of the simplest and best in the world, so that any native can go to a strange city anywhere in the state and reach a given address without asking for directions. However, the system is completely confusing to most visitors (sometimes even after it is explained). Here's the way directions go—go west toward Sixth East on Ninth South. Turn at the corner of Sixth East and Ninth South and go north on Sixth East. Get it? I didn't either.

There's another little odd point about Salt Lake. Utah is the only state in the union where Jewish people are referred to as Gentiles. You see all persons not of the Mormon faith are called "Gentiles" here.

Time and space are running out and there is little room left to talk of the most important and interesting part of all of Salt Lake City. I refer to its wonderful, friendly, hospitable people. Salt Lake is a middle class city. If there are very wealthy people they make no show here. All people are treated as equals and the problems that have beset most of our large cities—slums and crimes, race troubles and juvenile delinquency—while they must exist to some degree, are certainly not as prevalent and as blatant as in other towns.

Mormon people on the whole have a strict code of right and wrong and a strong sense of justice and brotherhood. They are industrious and hardworking. They seem to want to do favors for people. There is less tipping expected here than in any other city in the United States, according to seasoned travelers.

Good Union Town

Salt Lake is a good union town too, which will make our readers like it even better. And that brings us to a mention of our own union members whose pictures you see accompanying this article.

We have three locals in Salt Lake City. The first, L.U. 57, was chartered as a Lineman's Local way back in 1895. Today, it has some 1500 members. These are scattered over a 500 mile area, employed on work for the Utah Power

and Light Company. Salt Lake City was one of the first five cities in the world to inaugurate lighting of business places from a central power station. This was in 1880.

The story of L.U. 57 and the story of the Utah Power and Light Company and what they have done to bring electrical power to the State of Utah is a "spotlight" story all its own which we hope to bring you in another issue. May it suffice to bring you here pictures of our own men at work and tell you that the utility industry is organized from top to bottom in Salt Lake and in other cities where the Utah Power and Light Company operates and that a fine relationship exists between the company and our people.

Busy With Construction

There is much construction work, house wiring, sign work and numerous other inside wiring jobs being carried on in the Salt Lake City area and our Local 354 is doing them.

You will note pictures on these pages of neon sign work. Signs in the city of Salt Lake are among the most elaborate and best executed to be found anywhere, and even the tiniest shops and restaurants have colorful neon signs. Why even the coffin manufacturers have pictures of caskets outlined in neon. Gruesome thought, and yet it proves our Electrical Workers are out getting the business.

One of the most interesting wiring jobs we have had the pleasure of seeing installed was being done by our members at Brigham Young University, where family life apartments with all electric conveniences were being installed for students.

L.U. 354 was chartered April 22, 1907 and now has approximately 350 members. These members enjoy high rates of pay and good working conditions. They own their own office building with a fine meeting hall.

Our last local in Salt Lake City is L.U. 650, chartered July 6, 1934 and composed of some 160 members. Salt Lake City and nearby Ogden have always had the reputa-

tion for being leading cities in the transportation field. Members of L.U. 650 are employed by the Union Pacific and the Denver and Rio Grande Railroads as well as by the Pullman Company. Some pictures of L.U. 650 men at work appear on these pages. Additional pictures and information about the railroads which employ our members will appear in a special railroad story in a coming issue of our JOURNAL.

We leave our story of beautiful Salt Lake, its stirring history and its wonderful people, past and present, with regret. We wish every reader of our JOURNAL could see, and hear, and taste, and smell, and feel Salt Lake. See its mountains, its colors, its glorious Temple; hear its wonderful organ; taste its wholesome food; smell the salt of its lake and the clean sweet scent of its trees and flowers; and feel its tradition and its history and the kindness and moral goodness through contact with its people.

"This Is the Place!"—a wonderful, wholesome, beautiful, interesting place!

Acknowledgements

Many people helped us to write this story, especially our own IBEW members in Salt Lake. We thank them all. And we wish to say a special thank you to Vincent Pearson, business manager of L.U. 57, Veral Mott, business manager of L.U. 354, Scott Shaw, president of L.U. 650 and George Grant, IBEW, general chairman of the Union Pacific Railroad; Will W. Bowman, and E. B. Sessions, and Ralph Hedquist of the Utah Power and Light Company, Dr. Adam S. Bennion, member of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Mormon Church, and to Joseph I. Nichols, personnel director of the IBEW, former business manager of L.U. 57.

Without the splendid help of all these people, a story on Salt Lake, its history and its people would have been impossible.

We also acknowledge with sincere thanks the use of the Union Pacific Railroad color negative from which the cover picture of our JOURNAL was made.

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editors were urged to be ever vigilant to expose communistic and subversive influences in their respective areas; some dozen "racket" papers were denounced; a journalism correspondence course was advocated; strongest possible political action was urged; and formation of regional councils was encouraged.

Election of officers was made a special order of business on Sunday afternoon and at that time Matthew Woll who had been President of the International Labor Press of America ever since its founding by Samuel Gompers 42 years ago, resigned as active president because of his pressing duties as an A.F. of L. Council Member, president of the A.F.L. Union Label Trades Department, and chairman of the Resolutions Committee for the A.F.L. Convention, and was unanimously elected President Emeritus. Then our editor, J. Scott Milne, who previously had served as fourth vice president of the I.L.P.A., was nominated to the active presidency and was elected unanimously.

New Officers

Serving with Mr. Milne are Lewis M. Hermann, *New Jersey Labor Herald*, secretary-treasurer and nine vice presidents: Frank X. Martel, *Detroit Labor News*; Stanton Dann, *Mobile Labor Journal*; Edward N. Doan, *Union Labor News*, Madison, Wisconsin; L. O. Thomas, *Machinists' Monthly Journal*; C. J. Haggerty, *California State Weekly News Letter*; Dallas B. Huggins, *Railway Car-men's Journal*; C. D. Anstead, *Maryland Federationist*; Ray Taylor, *UAW-AFL Auto Worker*; Irwin Klass, *Chicago Federationist*.

Mr. Milne was also elected Fraternal Delegate from the International Labor Press of America to present the report of that body to the A.F.L. Convention. This is the third time in the four years which have elapsed since the A.F.L. appointed a fraternal dele-

gate to represent the labor press, that Mr. Milne has been selected as its emissary.

At the Annual Awards Banquet held on the closing day of the convention a delightful dinner and program were held. Once again Mr. Milne was selected to preside over this final affair. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Award of Merit plaques. Judges for this year's competition were the director and staff of the University of Michigan School of Journalism. Of course the JOURNAL editor, staff members and International Officers were proud and happy to have the ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL chosen for the number one top award for "General Editorial Excellence."

Since this report concerns Editor J. Scott Milne in so many instances throughout, it was prepared by a staff writer, but there was a point which Mr. Milne asked to have stressed in this article. It has to do with the winning of the award.

All Had Part

"Tell our people," Mr. Milne said, "that all had a part in the winning of this award. We are especially grateful to our faithful press secretaries who send us the contributions to Local Lines, one of the very best and most interesting sections of our JOURNAL. We appreciate the suggestions, criticisms and encouragement received from our International and

local union officers and from the many readers who write to us. We appreciate the cooperation of our photographer and our printers. Our JOURNAL is a joint enterprise. All have worked to make it the publication which it is today and all should share in the winning of this 'Award of Merit.' We ask all our people to keep up their good work, to help us to improve our magazine and make it more interesting, so that we may make and keep it one of the best magazines in the entire labor field."

"Light a Candle"

We should like to conclude this article on the labor press and its recent convention with the ending of Mr. Milne's report to the A.F.L. Convention. The appeal which he made to the hundreds of delegates from all unions assembled there in the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis may well be made to all our members scattered throughout the North American Continent:

"Freedom of speech is a pretty important item in this world of ours. There are many parts of the world where it has ceased to exist and the light of truth has been extinguished. But please God, it will never be extinguished here—not so long as men and women like our labor editors will fight to tell the truth, and men and women like you labor leaders here will back them to the limit."

"There's a very old saying. 'It is better to light one candle, than to curse the darkness.' I ask you here and now to do your part to light the candles of truth."

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withstand 100°C over a long time and 90° for much longer under normal conditions. The temperature of the imbedded part of the coil may be from 10 to 20° higher than the heat shown by a thermometer putted onto the core.

However don't forget that a type and size of motor that acts satisfactorily in San Francisco's

moderate and comfortable temperature at sea level, would be very useless up a mountain on the Arctic circle.

In the final analysis the best size can only be determined by trial under actual starting, operating and weather conditions where the machine is to be used. But "run 'em hot" as you can, because a cold motor is a waste of space, iron, copper and juice.

P. M. MELLETT,
Local 348.

Seventh District Progress Meeting

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President Tracy was followed on the program by International Secretary Milne who spoke on our Pension Fund with particular emphasis on the Silver Jubilee Plan, using illustrated charts to stress certain phases of his talk.

The amazing growth of our Pension Fund from \$1,800,000 in June, 1947 to \$34,321,611.59 as of today, was reviewed by the International Secretary. He explained that little by little our Pension Fund is becoming actuarially sound, but with 5,090 members on pension today and the number mounting monthly, there is still much to be done. He then made a strong appeal for all locals to join in the Silver Jubilee program whereby locals are loaning money to the Pension Fund and the interest earned is helping to make our fund more and more secure.

No Loan Too Small

Secretary Milne explained our investment policy and said that no loan is too small—some locals have loaned as little as \$10.00 and that this shows that their hearts are in the right place—that they want to cooperate in any program for the good of the Brotherhood. These small loans have been accepted with the same spirit of appreciation that loans of \$150,000 made by a number of our larger locals have been received.

When the Progress Meeting reconvened on Sunday morning, Vice President Edwards made the first order of business the reading of an inscription on a beautiful plaque designed to honor Vice President Ingram and presented privately to Mrs. Ingram by Locals 66 and 716. The inscription mounted beneath the emblem of our Brotherhood, was as follows:

"Presented in memory of Vice President Louis Ingram who gave 28 years of faithful and untiring service to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers."

International Representative

Frank Graham was the first speaker of the Sunday sessions. He explained the importance of the one percent collections from contractors for our Pension Fund and stressed the fact that the responsibility for enforcing the collections belongs to the local unions of the Brotherhood.

Discusses Organization

He was followed on the program by Lawson Wimberly, Assistant to President Tracy whose topic was fields of organization with particular emphasis on Radio and TV.

William W. Robbins, Research Director of our Brotherhood, was next. Brother Robbins made a strong appeal for Labor's League for Political Education, stating that LLPE is our only hope if we are to keep what we have and continue to prosper.

The Seventh District delegates were fortunate to have present at their meeting Vice Presidents Petty and Jacobs, though Vice President Jacobs was unable to stay for Sunday's meet.

Vice President Petty made a few remarks to the delegates stressing chiefly the need for vigilance against vicious state anti-labor legislation.

Mr. Petty was followed on the program by Executive Council Member C. R. Carle who likewise stressed the need for political ac-

tion. "We've got to stop fighting each other and fight together" was his plea.

As was stated in the first paragraphs of this account, reports of delegates were interspersed between the addresses of the guest speakers. We wish space would permit a summary of these interesting reports which proved beyond doubt that the locals of the Seventh District have made great strides in the past year.

Reporting delegates had a good report of wage increases attained, as well as fringe benefits added to their contracts. The forward steps taken in apprentice training and safety programs reported by numerous locals were most encouraging. In some instances work had sloughed off somewhat but there appeared to be no critical or even near critical unemployment situations.

The Kansas locals reported trouble with encroachment by other crafts.

A number of locals throughout the district reported difficulties suffered through anti-labor legislation which is interfering with free collective bargaining procedures.

No account of the Seventh District Progress Meeting would be complete without mention of the wonderful program of entertainment put on by host Locals 66 and 716 of Houston.

Entertain Wives

Luncheons and sightseeing trips were arranged daily for the wives of delegates in attendance, including one at the famed Shamrock Hotel.

Entertainment for all included continual "open house" hospitality, a delightful buffet supper presented by the electrical contractors of Houston, an elaborate banquet and dance on Saturday night, and a real old-fashioned Western barbecue held Sunday afternoon.

The officers and members of L.U. 66 and 716, and especially Business Managers J. C. Epperson and B. B. Morgan, are to be congratulated on arranging such a successful, interesting and entertaining Progress Meeting.



Seventh District Progress Meet

(Photo Identification)

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St. Louis Converts To Alternating Current

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—In 1895, when St. Louis was just celebrating its first century mark, the city decided to remove all public utility poles and wires from its downtown district. This section extended 30 blocks north and south and the same number east and west, and took in all of the business and shopping district, and some residential and commercial neighborhoods.

The poles and wires came down, and all wires and cables were placed in ducts under the streets in a network of direct current systems. Stores, factories and residences were converted to this D.C. current.

The system operated successfully for about 50 years. Then, the public utility company began conversion to alternating current of the three-phase, four-wire system. Slowly, this network of neophreme rubber-covered A.C. wire replaced the large lead-covered D.C. cables, and one by one, the D.C. operating plants were abandoned.

One of the last of the D.C. loads to be changed over is the group of Municipal buildings including the City Hall, Municipal Courts building, City Jail, and Children's building. The group draws about 3,000 amperes.

These buildings each have their main switch boards installed and are being converted slowly so as not to disturb the operation of the municipal offices and court rooms. One of the large items on the agenda is the removal of incandescent lighting and the installation of fluorescent fixtures. The plan for this lighting is to install

continuous rows of two 40-watt fluorescent fixtures. In some cases, 10 and 12 two-light 40's replace one 200-watt incandescent single chain fixture. About \$10,000 has been appropriated for fixtures for the balance of this operating year.

The complete changeover is expected to take several more years to finish. When completed, the new A.C. system will be operated on 13,000-volt preferred and auxiliary primaries going to all transformers located in vaults in the sidewalks and distributed over a network of three-phase, four-wire secondaries. The utility company has a closed shop with I.B.E.W. locals.

Another large project underway is the construction of a new state highway through downtown St. Louis, to relieve rush-hour traffic. This project calls for the removal of many utility poles and wire, and a great number of street lights, standards and cables. This work is being done by the Department of Public Utilities of the City of St. Louis. This department operates all city-owned power plants, water works, heating and generating plants in hospitals, and institutions,

electrical inspection departments, airports. All non-professional employees are members of their respective A.F.L. unions. All maintenance, construction and inspection is done by members of the I.B.E.W. The City of St. Louis is constantly working for a bigger and better electrical St. Louis.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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Urges Attention to Our Local Election

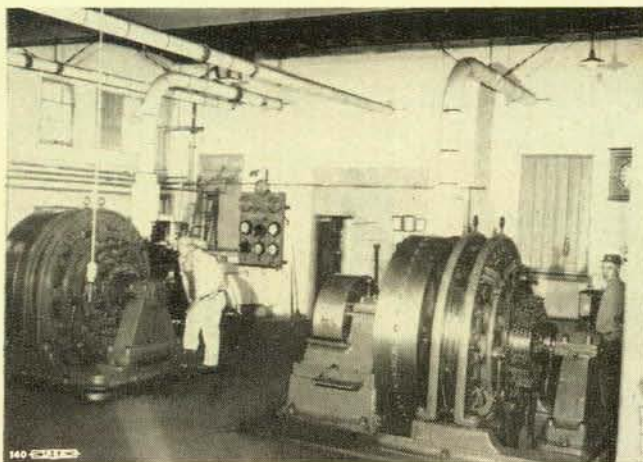
L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—If the editor is kind enough to print this epistle it should appear somewhere near Thanksgiving Day in the November issue. This will make it too late for suggestions as to what we might do on Election Day. True the elections this year are what are generally known as "off" year elections and as a result many otherwise good citizens do not think it worth taking time to go and vote. We hope they thought otherwise this year because we believe that local elections are just as important as the national elections.

Family Project in St. Louis

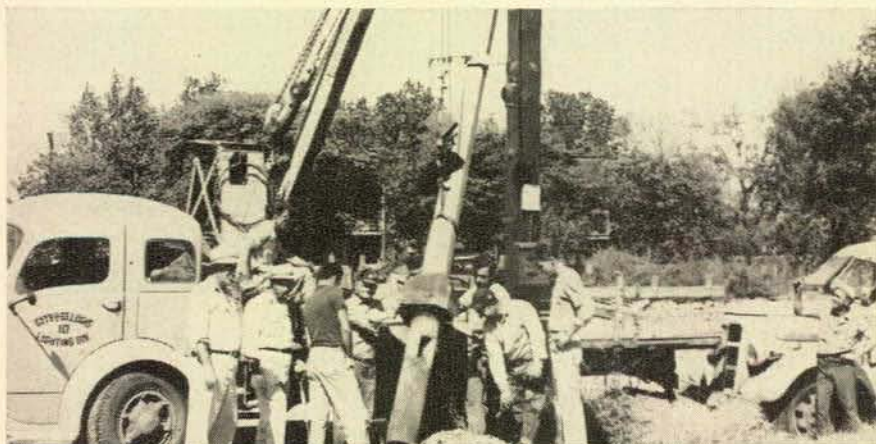


Some of the fathers, sons and brothers of Local 1 are shown as they gathered for a photograph at the giant Union Electric Co. Power House construction job on the Meramec River in St. Louis County. Some 200 members of Local 1 are employed on this 100 per cent AFL job. Reading from left to right, front row, are: Vince Sims, Jr.; Dick O'Shea; C. Callahan, Jr.; Milton Owens; Ken. Browning; Rogers Senf; Harry Buskirk; Robt. Pyatt, Jr.; Howard Pyatt; Robert Printz; James Hartman; Robert Schisler; Walter Hendricks; George Schmidt; Dick Reid. Back row, standing, from left to right, are: Leo Hennessey, financial secretary, Local 1; Vince Sims, Sr.; Ed. Sadlo, Sr.; Frank McFerron, Sr. and Jr.; Ken. Sadlo; Clarence Callahan, Sr.; Harry Owens; Tabby O'Shea; Sid Browning; Ed. Sadlo, Jr.; V. Senf; Bill Buskirk; Don Meadows, job steward; Gus Loepker, business representative of Local 1; Robt. Pyatt; Ken. Edgar; Gerald Printz, Jr.; Gerald Printz, Sr.; Jack Hartman; Mike Mueller; Bill Hartman; Bill Mueller; Joe Schissler; Vic Hendrichs; Walter Proske; Francis Schmidt; Harold Proske, and Ben Reid. Three fathers and sons who were not working the day the picture was taken are George and Bill Bresnan, Gary and Bob Spencer, and Art and Bill Gropp.

St. Louis Converts with Local 1



Shown at left are two of the remaining three D.C. generators now in operation in the engine room of the St. Louis work house, a penal institution. Originally installed fifty years ago in the City Hall, they were later moved to this location. Wiremen Leo Seymour and Henry Schad look them over. Progress in the major over-all fixture modernization in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue is seen at right. Twenty-four incandescent 200 watt single light fixtures were replaced with 150 two light fluorescent 40 watt per tube fixtures. Wireman Fred Wamhop, Jr., is on the scaffold. His partner, not pictured, is Robert Kirk.



Members of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., are assisting in the city's electrical modernization campaign. The lighting department, like all the other city departments employing mechanical help, is 100% union. Here are several of the lighting division gang trucks removing light standards. At left is John Banach, line foreman and president of Local 2 with his crew of linemen, groundmen, laborers and truck drivers, all I.B.E.W. men.

All, perhaps we had better say, most all, public officials get their start in local or state offices. That being the case it behooves all of us to see that we give a start to the right kind of men. If we didn't do it this year then let us pray that God gives us the grace and common sense to do it in all future elections.

Once again we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day and whatever else we may or may not have to be thankful for we can at least give thanks that the shooting has stopped in Korea. Real peace is still in the dim and probably distant future. The Commies continually cry for peace but we know that, at present at least, the only peace they want is one that gives them domination over the whole world. Any other peace that they agree to will only be for the purpose of throwing the anti-Communist na-

tions off guard and to give the Commies time to increase their own strength.

Associating with the wrecking crew in President Eisenhower's cabinet was more than Martin Durkin our Democratic Secretary of Labor could take and as we all know he resigned. He just would not be the "Charlie McCarthy" they wanted him to be. A certain well known, and in some circles, highly thought-of news commentator, who might be called "an old guard Republican," in commenting on Durkin's resignation, wonders when we will return to the truly liberal times when an "individual" had the right to work and negotiate his wages and working conditions for HIMSELF!!! He feels that men were deprived of their rights by the Wagner Act and that they are still deprived of them under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Remember, Brothers, this man is not alone in his thinking. There are too many who would like to see all legislation that protects the working man wiped out. They feel that now is the time to strike. The only reason that they are not trying is because not enough reactionary Congressmen rode in on Eisenhower's coat tails to give them a real working majority.

Just to refresh your memory on the way the Republicans like to do business, we call to your attention that Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, formerly with General Motors, advocated a single, efficient producer in awarding defense business. So what happens? Uncle Sam needs 200 million dollars worth of tanks, the kind they use in war. Do they parcel it out to the various companies that have been building tanks? They do not. They give the whole contract to one firm. That's right, General Motors. So you see that someone is trying to make good Wilson's statement, that what is good for General Motors is good for the country. What do you think?

In closing we suggest that you keep your eyes on the tax situation. A Happy Thanksgiving and God's blessing on you all.

FREDERICH V. EICH, P. S.

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Gives Profile on Toledo Museum

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO—We have often wondered if the avid reader of the JOURNAL, the guy who reads it from cover to cover, ever longs to see something different in the way of correspondence. Is he tired of reading about wage increases, new buildings going up, picnics, etc? With the

editor's permission, we will try to give him something different in this issue. It is our contention that Toledo is not only a good place to work in but it is also a good place to live in. One of the reasons for that statement is our Toledo Museum of Art which was founded 52 years ago, and which has grown to world-wide recognition for its priceless collections, educational programs for children and adults, plus its concerts and musical presentations.

Last year, more than 250,000 persons passed through its doors. When the famous 50 million dollar collection of European masterpieces came from Germany in 1949, some 102,000 people saw the show in 10 days. Attendance at a 29-day exhibition of Vienna art treasures in 1951 went over the 126,000 mark. Museum art classes this year are jammed with a record breaking 2,000 children. Almost another 1,000 men and women are enrolled in adult classes.

Visitors during the first six months of this year came from all 48 states and 20 foreign lands. The enormous white marble structure on Monroe Street contains nine acres of galleries, that house more than 600 paintings; one of the world's most complete glass collections, an entire gallery of rare books and manuscripts; excellent examples of Egyptian, Oriental and Medieval art and sculpture. In the collection of paintings are works of Rembrandt, El Greco, Rubens, Holbein, Van Gogh, Toulouse-Lautrec and other masters. One of the museum's most recent acquisitions is a portrait of Elisabeth I, painted almost four centuries ago by Marc Gheeraedts. The museum's famous glass collection helps the city uphold its reputation as the glass center of the world. A recent exhibition held to celebrate Ohio's 150th birthday included old and rare items made today by Ohio glass companies.

In the Steven's Gallery is a history of man's efforts to express himself in clay tablets, parchment manuscripts, on the printed page and in other ways. In this gallery are early Egyptian stone tablets, some dating to 3,000 years before Christ. There are early Babylonian writings, one of them a letter in clay, sealed in a clay "envelope." Hand written medieval manuscripts, pages from the first book printed by movable type, the "Gutenberg" Bible, and other forms of printing are in this gallery. The museum is constantly seeking to build future interest in art by educating the city's children. Visitors are surprised to learn that youngsters give up some of their Saturday playtime to attend classes at the museum. Many Toledo homes are furnished with a taste acquired through museum courses. In others are paintings, potteries and other items made in museum classes.

At Chicago Local's Picnic



Officers and old-timers of Local 9 are seen at the annual picnic held recently at Riverside Park in Chicago, Ill. They are identified in the accompanying letter from the local.

The museum's Peristyle, with its acoustically perfect interior has a seating capacity of 1750. Resembling a Greek amphitheatre, it is considered one of the finest musical halls in the world. Concerts have been given there by world famous symphony orchestras, the Toledo orchestras and musical groups from Ohio and Michigan.

The 1953-1954 season will include more than 20 separate exhibitions, the outstanding one of which will be a showing of paintings, prints and drawings by Vincent Van Gogh, famous Dutch artist. Only two other cities—St. Louis and Philadelphia will have this exhibition during its American visit.

The foregoing information was given to us by Mr. Blake-More Godwin, director at the museum, to whom we are very grateful.

The members of this local have every reason to celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year as we have had lots of work and very few cases of sickness and accidents. We would appreciate any comments the Brothers would care to make on this type of correspondence, bouquets or brickbats. Let us know what you think of the idea. Constructive criticism is welcome.

BILL CONWAY, R. S.

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Ideal Weather for Local 9's Picnic

L. U. 9, CHICAGO, ILL.—On August 8, 1953, Local Union 9 held its annual old-fashioned picnic at Riverview Park. We were very fortunate in having ideal weather and in my estimation drew a larger crowd than we did at our last picnic.

We want to thank Brother Charlie Paulsen, Chairman of the International Executive Council and all the officers and members of our sister locals that paid us a visit.

The contractors or members of their official families were represented and we wish to thank them for their very generous donations.

Brother George Foy, who is now an officer of Unistrut Corporation, was not only generous with a gift, but helpful in presenting the gifts to the lucky holders of winning stub numbers.

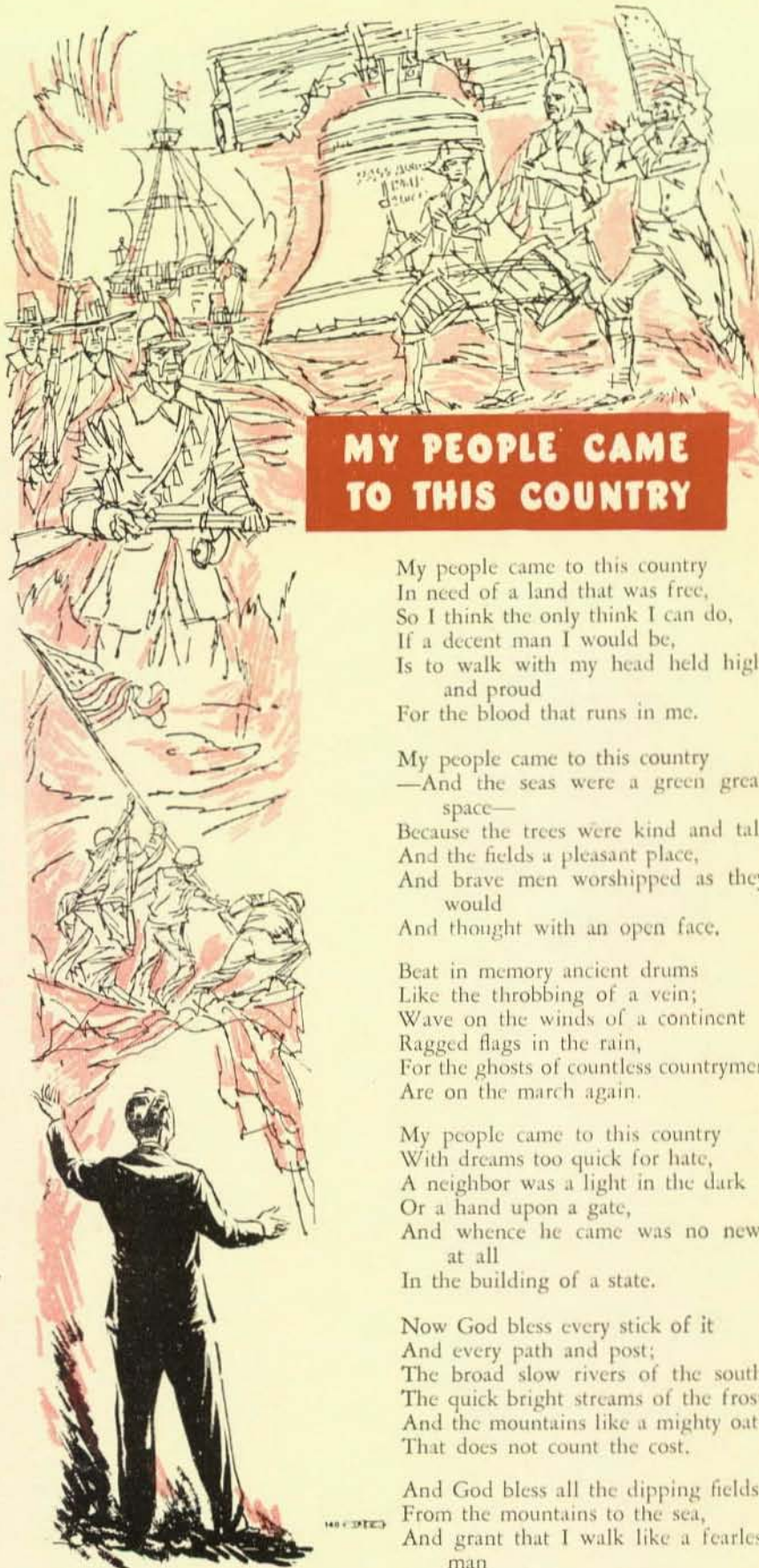
It was quite a day for the members and their families, especially the children. Many contests were held for children of all ages with prizes going to the lucky winners, and as guests of the local all children were presented with tickets for rides in the amusement park.

There were hot dogs by the thousands, gallons of ice cream, coffee and soft drinks and last but not least beer, and may I add that it was just the right kind of a day to do some real serious consuming of same.

The highlight of the affair, as last year, was the pole climbing contest. There were more contestants this year which made it more interesting as well as entertaining. Last years' winner, Nick Burkard, Jr. won again in 31 seconds. Milt Emery was second with 33½ seconds and a beginner in 1952, R. P. Suggs was third with 35½ seconds. The old-timers also showed the boys they could still do it. James Pendergast, in the over 50 class, made a single pole in 22 seconds.

At the conclusion of the climbing contest a very interesting demonstration of pole-top resuscitation was performed by a five-man team from our lineman's school. Two poles were used in the demonstration. Rescue Man Burkard, Jr., on one pole, Rescue Man Gibson and Victim Suggs on the other. At a given signal the victim slumps in his belt, Gibson swings around the pole and places Suggs astraddle his belt and commences new arm lift resuscitation. At the same time Burkard descends his pole and climbs to the scene of the accident, secures victim with a line, and lowers victim to ground where Rescue Men Rabiolia and Hollister resume resuscitation.

In spite of the fact that the team was warned by Business Manager Frank A. Benner, that he was not interested in a speed demonstration



MY PEOPLE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY

My people came to this country
In need of a land that was free,
So I think the only think I can do,
If a decent man I would be,
Is to walk with my head held high
and proud
For the blood that runs in me.

My people came to this country
—And the seas were a green great
space—
Because the trees were kind and tall
And the fields a pleasant place,
And brave men worshipped as they
would
And thought with an open face,

Beat in memory ancient drums
Like the throbbing of a vein;
Wave on the winds of a continent
Ragged flags in the rain,
For the ghosts of countless countrymen
Are on the march again.

My people came to this country
With dreams too quick for hate,
A neighbor was a light in the dark
Or a hand upon a gate,
And whence he came was no news
at all
In the building of a state.

Now God bless every stick of it
And every path and post;
The broad slow rivers of the south,
The quick bright streams of the frost,
And the mountains like a mighty oath
That does not count the cost.

And God bless all the dipping fields
From the mountains to the sea,
And grant that I walk like a fearless
man
For the blood that runs in me.

—STRUTHERS BURT

but only in an efficient rescue job, the boys completed their task in one minute and 41 seconds. The local is proud of you boys for a good job well done. Congratulations.

After the pole-climbing contest came the handline throwing contest which was won by Brother Frank Munno.

We are very proud of our officers and the old timers in the enclosed photograph. Reading from right to left: R. S. Caldwell; Charlie Green; Frank A. Benner, our business manager; Walter Swanson; George "Kelly" Hobbs; Joe Wagner; William Parker, our president, a 50-year member; "Kid" Johnny Blake, a 50-year member and also past business manager of Local Union 9; Bob Fitzgerald, our assistant business manager.

Assistant business manager R. E. (Bob) Fitzgerald, chairman and his hard-working committee are to be commended for doing such a wonderful job of arranging our picnic this year and providing us with a day of relaxation and entertainment we will all remember.

NICK BURKARD, P. S.

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Reviews New Wages, Conditions in Detroit

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—This letter is to inform our brothers about the wages and conditions in Detroit.

Our Detroit Edison negotiations have been brought to a successful conclusion. Journeyman lineman's rate is \$2.585 per hour, plus cost of living adjustment based on Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index. The following are some of the conditions that we have gained in previous years and are enjoying: Time and one-half and double time for all overtime. Double time starts after 12 hours have been worked and double time for all Sundays and holidays, seven paid holidays, sick allowance, two weeks vacation with pay after one year's continuous service and three weeks vacation after 15 years service. Full pay during inclement weather, full pay if incapacitated by injuries on job, two-way driving time, company-paid pensions which are in addition to Social Security, partial company support on hospital and surgical insurance.

There are four line contractors working on the Detroit Edison properties. Line contractors have been busily engaged on the properties since 1946. Their wage scale for linemen is \$3.00 per hour with two-way driving time, four hour show-up allowance and time and one-half and double time for all overtime.

Our construction program has been very heavy. The new St. Clair steam electrical generating plant will be completed in 1954. This required the

construction of tower transmission lines, substations and distribution circuits. At the completion of the St. Clair Plant the sixth steam electrical generating plant will be started. It will be known as the River Rouge Plant located at the Rouge and Detroit Rivers. This new plant will require the construction of additional transmission lines.

Journeyman linemen interested in working in Local 17 jurisdiction should contact our Business Manager George Spriggs.

JULIUS OTTEN, P. S.

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Brother William Gooder's 50 Years Observed

L. U. 31, DULUTH, MINN.—Local 31 has not appeared in the JOURNAL for a long time, but we could not pass up the opportunity to let all our brothers know of the party we gave in honor of Brother William Gooder to help celebrate the awarding of his 50 year scroll, pin and medal.

The party was held Saturday evening, July 18, 1953. Dinner was served in the Hotel Duluth Ballroom with 400 members, their wives and guests present.

After dinner, Master of Ceremonies William S. Johnson, president of the Duluth Electrical Contractors Association and a former member of Local 31, introduced our visiting guests from other locals. President Robert Olson of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor was called upon for a few remarks. He stressed the fact that not too long ago you had to sneak into union meetings and strongly urged younger members to give recognition to the old-timers who fought to keep our unions together during the open-shop days. He also stated that younger members should be more active in affairs and the functioning of their union.

The event of the evening was the presentation of the 50-year scroll, pin and medal to Brother William Gooder by International Representative John W. Johnson, a member of Local 31 and one of its early business managers. We all enjoyed John's remarks and were very happy to have him with us for this party.

Mrs. Gooder was presented a bouquet of roses from the union by Master of Ceremonies William S. Johnson. Brother Charles Lyons, former business manager and president of Local 31, presented Bill with a 35 millimeter camera, which Bill claims was just what he wanted.

Brother Bill Gooder was initiated into Local 23 of St. Paul, Minnesota in 1903. After traveling around the country he deposited his card in Local 31 in 1910. His card remained in Local 31 until his retirement January 1, 1948. He now lives in Duluth in

the summer and has a trailer home in Florida during the winter months. Bill says that he is waiting for a 75-year award now that he has a 50-year award.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with dancing and refreshments. A good time was had by all.

We are enclosing a picture of the presentation ceremony, reading from left to right are: Robert Olson, president of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, William Gooder, John W. Johnson, International Representative and Frank T. McCauley, president of Local 31.

PHILIP W. KREIDLER, R. S.

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Neighboring Locals Attend Installation

L. U. 40, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Local Forty Officers were installed by our first President Al Boeckman, who always answers the call from his union as he has for the past 30 years. The present officers are Frank Webster, president; B. F. Fairbanks, treasurer; Ted Kirkwood, recording secretary; Charles L. Thomas, business manager and financial secretary; and John P. Morgan, vice president. The Executive Board consists of William Wauhup, Ted Kirkwood, Dave Barnett, Milton Perry, Frank Traval and W. F. Moore.

To promote the best interest of our Brotherhood, the officers of each of the Los Angeles locals, make an effort to be represented at the installations of the others. Local Forty was happy to have present, Brother Harry Fesperman, business manager of Local 1710; Brother Larry Drew, International Representative; Brother Leroy McCall, assistant business manager of Local 11; and Brother Jack Keyes, business representative of Local 11. We believe this spirit of co-

operation will extend through the months ahead.

Business Manager Thomas and President Webster intend to improve our contacts with our associated organizations in order to combat the current wave of anti-labor legislative proposals. Our union was represented at the California AFL Convention and the State Association of Electrical Workers, by Brother Fred Sweet, President Frank Webster and Business Manager Charles L. Thomas.

Out of the State Association meeting came determination to set the pattern in the Ninth District for an Electrical Workers Health and Welfare Plan; to have a workable proposal ready to establish shorter hours when and if work slacks off; to give more consideration to the problems of employers working under I.B.E.W. Agreement; to make a mighty effort to set up an enthusiastic political committee in each local union. At the association banquet, the 73rd birthday of our old warrior James Lance, hard working secretary and spark plug of the California Electrical Workers Association was celebrated.

The California AFL Convention received the reports on the success attained in the fight against a tide of labor repressive bills in the Legislature. It was said that our 1,350,000 organized workers could promote any progressive legislation they need but deplored the lack of agreement on a common program. Solidarity of the I.B.E.W. delegates on issues was lacking. Perhaps committee members today are not aware of the all night efforts behind the scenes of such leaders as the late Amos Feeley who forged a solid unit prior to convention meetings. The reports gave some sober thoughts to our members on the work ahead if we are not to lose more ground in the coming years.

TED KIRKWOOD, P. S.

Cite 50-Year Membership



A pin and scroll for fifty years of continuous membership in Local 31, Duluth, Minn., are presented to Brother William Gooder. Others in the picture are named in the letter from the local.

Tribute to Syracuse Business Manager

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Throughout the years when this local union has employed a paid business manager it has been very fortunate in its choice of men to hold that responsible position and the finger of criticism has seldom been pointed at any one of them. Our working conditions have been steadily improved—largely through their efforts, and the members of the local union—collectively and individually, are looked on with respect by the community as a whole and by other crafts with whom we associate in our work as building tradesmen. As has been remarked by the writer in previous contributions to "Local Lines," we are apt to take much for granted and to believe that because these men are paid a salary by the local union, no other acknowledgment of their efforts is necessary. In taking that attitude, we are greatly at fault, for the wages usually paid a business manager do not fully compensate him for the time and effort beyond the normal amount for which he is paid.

Our present business manager, William C. Butler, has accomplished much for the local union in the two years he has served and the affairs of the union have never been on a more satisfactory basis than they are at the present time. Assisted by competent officers, committees and an efficient office assistant, he has brought honor and gain to our organization and working conditions have never been better.

Bill, as he is familiarly known to every member of our own craft as well as to all union leaders and businessmen with whom he meets for the

Given Tribute



William (Bill) Butler, business manager of Local 43, Syracuse, N. Y.

furtherance of our local's affairs, is a rather quiet person in conversation and his mild voice is seldom raised above a low conversational tone. But—when someone attempts to put over a fast deal on Local Union 43 and mistakes Bill's apparent mildness for weakness, his eyes register the increased voltage within and, while his voice does not rise much above its former pitch, it carries with it an earnestness and intensity that brings—and has brought, favorable results for him and the organization he so loyally represents.

Bills' latest honor—as well as Local Union 43's, was his election as vice president of the New York State Electrical Association at the last annual meeting of the association held at the Hotel Lafayette in Buffalo, New York on July 25th.

WILLIAM J. NIGHT, P. S.

Local 47 Countering "Right to Work" Law

L. U. 47, ALHAMBRA, CALIF.—We regret to report that members of our Brotherhood in this area are facing serious problems with regard to working conditions. The president of one of our utility companies has announced by means of the newspapers that a "Right to Work" crusade is underway.

Today, September 28th, we received notice from the California Electric Power Company that they are cancelling the contract they have had with this local since 1946. We have had a union shop agreement with the company since that date. It appears the Company will try to get a new contract without a union shop clause in it.

We enter into negotiations with the company soon and are asking for minor contract changes along with a general wage increase. We, of course, believe that the new contract should contain a union shop clause and will negotiate on that basis.

All of us remember the warnings issued to us by officers of all A. F. of L. organizations about the Taft-Hartley law and other anti-labor legislation. We are now feeling the effects of these laws. However, we can and shall do our utmost to preserve what we have.

We hope all members of organized labor will take heed as to what is happening and vote for our friends at the polls next year. Our present political administration is interested in the welfare of big business. The welfare of the working people is not being improved.

C. J. SANDERS, P. S.

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Win IBEW Trophies



Members of Local 58, Detroit, receiving trophies won at the recent International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' bowling tournament held in Indianapolis. Left to right: John Bunetta, single event winner; Bob Rushford, President of Local 58, Bob Forbes, Vice-President of Local 58; Clarence Milligan and Ralph Worpell, doubles event winners.

Detroit Local's Team Ties for First Place

L. U. 58, DETROIT, MICH. — Our baseball team finished the past season with flying colors, emerging from the recent play-offs in a blaze of glory. They wound up in a tie for first place in the strong Building Trades league at the end of the regular scheduled season. In the play-offs they dominated the play to the extent that they won everything that was available to be won. This hustling ball club furnished our baseball fans with sports entertainment during the summer months. In our opinion it was one of the outstanding teams that has represented our local union.

Our bowling delegation to Indianapolis did very well for themselves in the past International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' bowling tournament, particularly monopolizing the individual events. The people that supervised the tournament in Indianapolis are to be congratulated for the

efficient manner in which the affairs were conducted. We have received numerous favorable comments from the bowlers who attended the tournament, to qualify this statement.

JOHN MASER, P. S.

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Attendance Improved At Syracuse Local

L. U. 79, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—As I write this it is the last quarter of 1953. Vacation is over for most of us. The children are back in school, hungry for knowledge. The great big harvest moon is shining for us and our gals. Mother is digging the woolies out of the mothballs.

Happy Thanksgiving, folks. I had a wonderful vacation. Did you? I again met with so many friends whom I have not seen in years, and the resting place of many more. May they rest in peace.

I went through some of this most beautiful country of ours, and saw so many varied and interesting things, it would take a book to write about them.

The local has been holding meetings with some of the outlying groups with the idea of getting more interest in our union affairs.

The writer attended one of these recently. Our president, Peter Reap, was to attend, of course, but that same day he tangled with an air hammer and lost the bout, having been hit on the head. This has not discouraged him or us, as we all feel confident that he will show that air hammer up for what it is. In the meantime, he has acquired the nickname Hammerhead Reap.

Our genial Financial Secretary William Dantonello, who is most efficient at either raking in the dough or speechmaking, took over the duties of our president at that meeting.

The local's meetings have improved in attendance somewhat through our officers' efforts. We may not have to use atomic energy after all.

FRED KING, P. S.

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Deploring Emotional Misuse of Ballot

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Work in this area is about normal at this time; and our sick list is all clear except Brother Jack Karias and yours truly. Brother Karias, we extend sincere "get-well wishes" to you from all the Brothers.

It is our sad duty at this time to report the passing on of the mother of our business secretary, Mrs. C. J. Waterfield, who has faithfully served the cause of organized labor under three different business managers for the past eight years and, while so do-

NOTICE TO PRESS SECRETARIES

We have been proud and pleased to note in recent months the increase in the number of locals which have press secretaries contributing to the "Local Lines" section of our JOURNAL, and we are pleased that the contributions are so interesting and well written. We welcome correspondence for our JOURNAL and we urge every local union to appoint a press correspondent.

Some locals have no press secretaries because they do not wish to contribute a letter every month. This is not a requirement. Many of our local union press secretaries write only every two or three months, whenever news of their local warrants.

We are proud of our press correspondents and grateful to them. We urge them all to keep up the splendid work. There is one requirement we would like to make of them, however. Our space is becoming more and more limited and we would appreciate all correspondents adhering strictly to our word limit. We would be grateful if correspondents reporting usual news items to the JOURNAL, would limit these contributions to 300 words, and in reporting unusual events—special programs, anniversary celebrations, contract signings, etc.—not exceeding the absolute maximum of 500 words. We hate to have to cut any Brother's letter, but we want to be fair to those writers who are so careful about observing the word limit.

Many thanks for your cooperation, Brothers and Sisters, and keep those letters coming!

ing, won the hearts and respect of Local 80 to the last man. Mrs. Waterford and her family are lifelong residents of the city of Norfolk. The Brothers of Local 80 share in her grief and unanimously extend their heartfelt sympathy to her and all other survivors.

On the national front, the jockeying for position continues. According to the papers there are those who say that Martin Durkin's elevation to Cabinet rank was simply a synthetic appeasement for labor. And others that the absolute vacuum of cooperation was only a means of getting him out. And still others ventured the whole affair was a cooked-up scheme to evade Taft-Hartley and intensify the "I told you so" of big business within the minds of the American public. Whether these views are taken with the proverbial grain of salt or sympathetic reaction, it is no guarded secret that the present minority rule by big business is most certainly now in the commanding position of dictating its own terms and this, oddly enough, by virtue of the mandate of "the people" themselves. (The term, "power behind the throne" used in this column during the national campaign seems to have actually materialized.)

Senator Homer Ferguson (Republican, Michigan) recently claimed that radical eggheads controlled the Democratic party. It seems like this ignoble misnomer is logically more befitting that somewhat sadly misinformed majority of the past Democratic electorate who, if speculations now rife have any prophetic value, have as yet to taste the real fruits of their victory. It seems quite proper at this time to remind all the Brothers and Sisters of organized

labor who had the vision and courage to join this cause of pursuing the ideal American standard of living and who still dream of finally obtaining and maintaining it, of one important factor that is very often thoughtlessly overlooked. Each precious Ballot we emotionally squander on some fantastic cause, automatically becomes just another vote that helps to defeat our own.

J. V. HOCKMAN, P. S.

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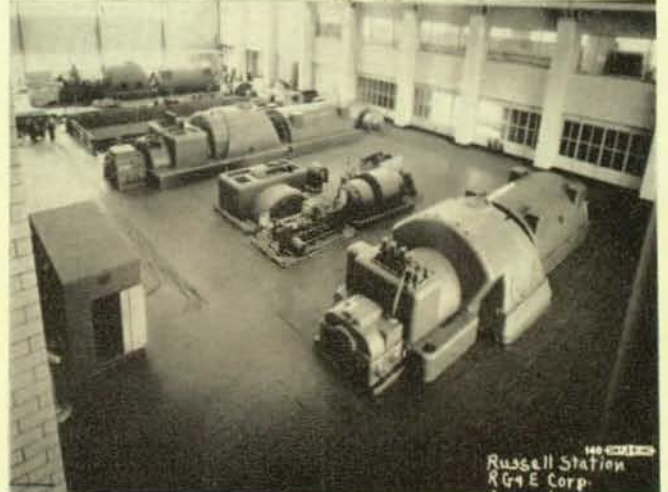
Postwar Expansion In Upstate New York

L. U. 86, ROCHESTER, N. Y.—With postwar expansion still incomplete, upstate New York is keeping pace with the nation. This completely new turbo-generator station is throwing the third unit on the line this September, while units number one and two with a 50,000 K.W. and 70,000 K.W. output respectively, running full throttle, will have an assist this September 21st. This new generator has a main control valve pressure of 1,450 pounds per square inch at a temperature of 1,000 degrees.

The local has cable splicers, employed by the Henry Ihle firm of New York, working on the underground lines. The men are George Sparkes, out of Local 3; John Horne, Local 177, Jacksonville, Fla., and Chris Ihle, foreman, out of Local 237, Niagara Falls.

The Vanderlinde Electric Corporation of Rochester has had the electrical work on all three units with Brother Robert Rodwell supervising. Two other Brothers have assisted Rodwell as foremen on all three units.

At Rochester Gas and Electric



Scenes of the exterior and interior of the Russell Station of the Rochester Gas and Electric Company in the jurisdiction of Local 86, Rochester, N. Y.



The following names reading, front row, left to right, are of a few of the Brothers and permit men who have worked at Rochester Gas and Electric, Russell Station number seven: Albert Powers, John Effinger, Gordon (Pete) Bennett, foreman, William Turner, Orville (Bud) Greene, Alfred Reed, foreman; Robert Rodwell, superintendent; George Macomber. Second row: John Michel, James Gorman, Edward Driscoll, Richard Langslow, John Uschold, foreman; Gustave Kraft, James Hale, Homer Phyor, William Bushart, Howard Schalbert, William Reid. Mr. Michel and Mr. Langslow are permit men.

They are John Uschold and Homer Pryor.

A very loyal Brother, Harry McKay, took his pension at the completion of the power plant project. All the Brothers wish him years of happiness ahead.

Local 86 held installation of officers recently. The new officers are: Joseph Sommers, president; Orville Green, vice president, and William Bushart, recording secretary. Brother John Downs began his 14th year as business manager. George Granning, financial secretary, and Alfred Reed, treasurer, were also reelected. The Executive Board members are Edward Connell, Warren Brown, Philip Hale, Albert Empey and Charles Pettis.

WILLIAM BUSHART, R. S.

Philadelphia Contract Unanimously Accepted

L. U. 98, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—On August 18th 1953, the membership of Local Union No. 98 voted unanimously to accept a new one year agreement negotiated by our Labor Management Committee. Changes in our wage structure include a 10 cents per hour increase effective September 1st, 1953, and 10 cents per hour in fringe benefits effective January 1st, 1954. This increase will raise the journeyman's hourly wage rate to \$3.60 per hour. The membership I believe, will join me in extending congratulations to the committee on a job well done.

On August 22nd, 1953 the local held a family picnic at Willow Grove Park, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. In ad-

dition to a large turnout of the membership, many of our employers and officials of neighboring local unions in the 3rd District, were present. This writer cannot remember attending a function at which everyone seemed to be having as wonderful a time. So many of our members do not have the occasion to renew old acquaintance and the picnic afforded them such an opportunity. Needless to say, the children had the best time of all. Of course, in order for everyone to have a good time, with plenty to eat and drink, some folks had to do a lot of work. This assignment fell to Brothers Thomas Rowan, Tom Langan and Mike Frank as the Picnic Committee, with a very fine assist from Dick Dexter. We all offer our heartiest thanks to these four Brothers.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of a 50-year pin and scroll, by Third District Vice President Joseph W. Liggett, to Brother Manus McGinley, card No. 90807, initiated March 3, 1903. Local President Joseph Harrison introduced Financial Secretary James Rogan, who presented a check for \$100.00 to Brother McGinley on behalf of the membership. It is always a pleasure to see some reward go to these 50-year men whose fortitudes and belief in an idea has helped us who follow to reap the good fortune we now enjoy.

Local Union 98 is in the heart of the Delaware Valley, the scene of the largest industrial expansion in the U.S.A. Our Business Manager William Middleton has been contacting locals all over the country searching for 200 journeymen with paid up cards in the Brotherhood. Anyone interested in a 40-hour week at \$3.50 per hour is urged to contact this local, or even better, report for work immediately.

JACK M. GIERSCH, P.S.

Honor 50-Year Member McGinley

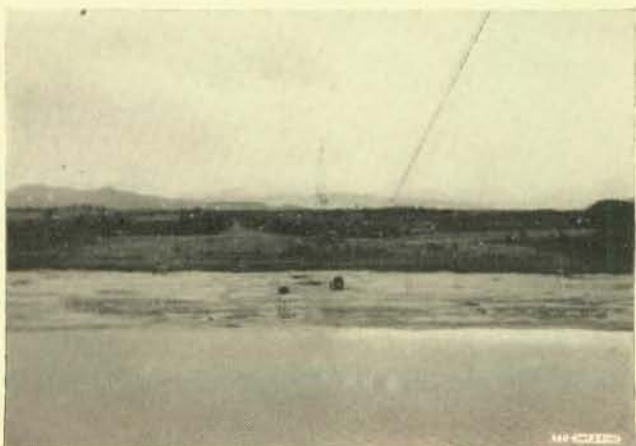


International Vice President Joseph W. Liggett, center back, adds his congratulations to those of the members of Local 98, Philadelphia, Pa., at the presentation of a fifty year pin and scroll to Brother Manus McGinley at the local's family picnic. The ceremony highlighted outing at Willow Grove Park.

Brother Does Wiring in Korea



These snapshots were sent home by Brother Charles Hennrikus of Local 104, Boston, Mass., from Korea with the interesting letter included in that local's report. The scene at left he describes as "one of the trucks that did the pulling"; right above shows Brother Hennrikus (at right) and a fellow lineman, Brother Ellis Davison of Local 453, Springfield Mo., in a desolated countryside; left below, is the "span from Tower I," and the charming tableau below right, he captions as "this is the tank that pulled the trucks out." The fellow digging the tank out so it can pull the truck out is unidentified.



News from Member Stationed in Korea

L. U. 104, BOSTON, MASS.—Several months ago, we received a letter from one of our Brothers now stationed in Korea. We thought that it would be of interest to everyone to see what our I.B.E.W. members are doing in Korea. Brother Charles Hennrikus, formerly of the George Ellis Company along with Ellis Davison of Local 453 of Springfield, Missouri are the I.B.E.W. men shown in the accompanying pictures. The letter from Brother Hennrikus follows:

"Hi Hank,

Well, I've got a few pictures to let you see what some of the I.B.E.W. boys are doing. We made a river crossing at the Imjem River in the Hook sector of Korea on steel towers for the 1st Marines, 25th Division and the Commonwealth Division. It was a 1000-foot span, one of two crossing the Imjem. Both were put in by our company. There were three cables, 30 pairs of wires, and a messenger in the line. We used 10M strand for a messenger and we sure needed it because of the strain we had. They pulled the cable up to 20 feet of sag, which is tight for a 1000-foot span. The towers we worked on were 110 feet and 80 feet on the edge and I mean the edge of a 200-foot cliff.

Only two of us climbed the towers and made up the dead ends and did the sagging. Both of us are in the I.B.E.W. Ellis Davison of Local 453 of Springfield, Missouri and I were the only representatives of the I.B.E.W. on the job, in fact, in the whole company.

This is one of the biggest jobs in Korea in river crossings. It took us half a day to make the crossing and the rest of the day to get our trucks out. It rained all day and when we came to getting out, everything had turned to soup. It took a Canadian tank to get us out, and you can see how muddy it was by how far he is bogged down.

All this proves who are doing the line work in Korea. It is probably an I.B.E.W. first to have some Brothers make a crossing of the Imjem. Maybe the union didn't have the say on us working in the rain, but it took a couple of its Brothers to do the job."

EDWARD J. CURRAN, P. S.

Grand Rapids Reports Non-Union Contractors

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—I am happy to report that our Business Manager Bob Coulter, has been restored to health and is back on the job. During Bob's illness Robert Haviland assumed this responsible job and carried on until Coulter's complete recovery. During Haviland's short stay in office we were impressed by

Suggestion for Christmas



Looking for a gift for the IBEW man in your family? How about a handsome ring bearing the emblem of our Brotherhood. The ring pictured here is 10 karat gold, with the IBEW emblem set on onyx, available in sizes nine to 12½, for \$20.00. Order number 17J and send requests to:

J. Scott Milne, Intl. Sec.,
International Brotherhood
of Electrical Workers,
1200—15th St., N.W.,
Washington 5, D. C.

his ability to cope with the complexity of the job and are grateful for all he contributed for the "good of the union." As a direct result Haviland has been elected executive secretary of the Building Trades Council and has taken on this job at a time when all crafts are feeling the sting of the non-union contractors who are creeping into the construction fields in alarming proportions. We've got a tremendous selling job to do in order to regain our union standards in this area.

It has been my duty and pleasure to have had a part in securing pensions for two of our Brother members, Harry Greiner and Claude R. Bright, the latter having been our Business manager for many years and both staunch union advocates. In a future article I shall elaborate on the history of our local and the important part these men played in preserving our charter so that today we may enjoy a better living.

Our health and welfare program is now in effect and some of our members are already receiving the benefits that this plan affords.

L. R. BLOOMBERG, P.S.

Victim of Tragedy



Brother J. G. Hankins of Local 116, Fort Worth, Texas, dies in fall.

Exhibit Film on Apprenticeship Training

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—On August 31, 1953, another milestone was achieved in the history of Local Union 113 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Colorado Springs Electrical Workers Joint Apprenticeship Committee in cooperation with the local representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor, presented to the viewing audience of the Pikes Peak Region, via television, the part labor and management have in the training of future journeymen.

The 30-minute program brought to the public the actual processing of an apprentice applicant by the Joint Committee. This was followed by a ten minute portion of a film entitled "Apprenticeship Training Film." The program announcer then interviewed the representatives of the NECA and IBEW individually.

Comments regarding the program would lead one to believe that the listening and viewing audience were able to learn something about apprenticeship as we the skilled craftsmen of America know it. They were also enlightened on the fine cooperation existing between the contractors and their employees.

This presentation over Television Station KKTU was made possible by Bill Ballin, Director of "Portfolio," who thought this type of program would interest the TV viewers.

I'm sure the members of the local would concur with my thinking that this is an opportune time to give voice on our appreciation of the fine work done by this committee, not only for us, but for the electrical industry as a whole. The names of the committee members are: Chairman John Fowler, a member of the IBEW who is now representing the NECA, Secretary Keith Wiley, IBEW, Harold Whitney and Keith Wilson, NECA. (Brother Wilson is also a member of

the IBEW.) Harry Cameron and Dave Tinning, IBEW. Brother Tinning is Business Manager of Local 113. Al Erickson is the representative from the Board of Education, and Joe Stevens is the local representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship.

This is an opportune time to remind all you good Brothers of the 1953 drive for funds which the LLPE needs to carry on with its worthy cause. Have you been negligent in this matter? If so, plan on your contribution coming out of this pay check. One dollar surely wouldn't hurt as much as the things which might happen if we let down in our fight for the right of survival. Think it over Brothers!!!

I would like to present an idea of mine to the International Office and the brotherhood for their consideration. Why don't we have available a metal emblem of the IBEW seal to attach to our license plates? I'm sure they would be quite feasible and I for one would consider it an honor to be able to display this fine emblem. A simple one-hole, easy-to-attach type would do quite well. I would like to see and hear some comments pertaining to this subject.

"PETE" COLE, P. S.

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Tragedies Strike In Fort Worth Area

L. U. 116, FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Inasmuch as this is my first report of news to be sent to the JOURNAL from Local Union 116 here in Fort Worth, Texas, I shall try my best to continue the good work that our former press secretary, Brother Earl Robinson, had been doing. I am sorry to report that our Brother Earl Robinson has been very ill and is still unable to get around since two recent operations. He is now at home recuperating from those operations.

We have had several tragedies in our local union recently. Brother J. G. Hankins died from a fall at the General Motors job. (Enclosed is a picture his wife wished to be printed.) Brother Ingram, our International Vice President died from a heart attack. I am sure all of us in this district will miss his valuable services.

On the brighter side, our work here has been very good. Most of our brothers have been steadily employed for some time. At present there are two large jobs going, the General Motors job now nearing completion and the power house just starting at Eagle Mountain Lake.

Last Labor Day found the members of Local 116 and 156 having a good time in a joint picnic at Midway Inn. There was barbecue and all the trimmings and plenty to drink. A very good time was had by all.

Our members are enjoying a new pay increase. Our contract committee came back with a 12½ cent per hour increase and some new conditions in our agreement. The way prices have advanced, however, we can hardly tell we had a raise.

HOWARD H. HART, P. S.

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Near Record Rain Fall in Portland

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, ORE.—With the passing of another Labor Day it would be well if each of us would pause in our busy lives for a few minutes and take stock of the present status of labor. Take stock and then resolve to lend a little more effort toward improving that status.

This passing summer has been most uncommon for this area as it has been unusually moist—in fact a near record. Our average rainfall for August is .64 inches but this year we scored a very wet 2.84 inches. This brought joy to the electric utilities as it held to a minimum the requirement for steam generation of electric power but it also brought gloom to tourists and vacationers. It appears at this time that the improved water conditions will be sufficient to meet the energy demands through the coming winter season.

Construction work is progressing satisfactorily and should so continue until the contracts have been completed early this winter.

Interesting reading lately was a letter published in *The Electron*, the monthly publication of the Electrical Trades Union of England. It was written by one of their members, J. W. Gannon, who had recently left

England and is now working on construction in Kimberly, Canada. He is on application for membership in the IBEW and I trust that by this time he is a full member. I suggest that the gentleman continue his interesting letters to his friends in England informing them of conditions in Canada and the United States.

As a result of a cut in the Bonneville Power Administration budget, brought about by action of Congress in its attempt to reduce federal expenditures, activities of the Administration have been sharply curtailed and a number of our members have lost their jobs. The Administration is the wholesale distributor of power generated at the federal multipurpose dams in the Northwest and forms a grid transmission system connecting up all the electric utilities in the area. It is a self-liquidating project in its own right in addition to supplying funds from the sale of this power for paying off a large percentage of the total costs of these multi-purpose dams. With the local distributing utilities increasing each year the money they allocate to the operation and maintenance of their systems it appears rather a short-sighted policy to reduce those corresponding funds of the Administration notwithstanding the fact that its operating requirements are rapidly increasing and its services are so vital to the power supply in the entire Northwest.

The report of the Pension Benefit Trust Fund published in the August issue of the JOURNAL was certainly interesting reading. It is most gratifying to see our Pension Plan steadily improving its position and reaching its goal of 100 percent actuarial soundness. Congratulations to our officers and others responsible for the

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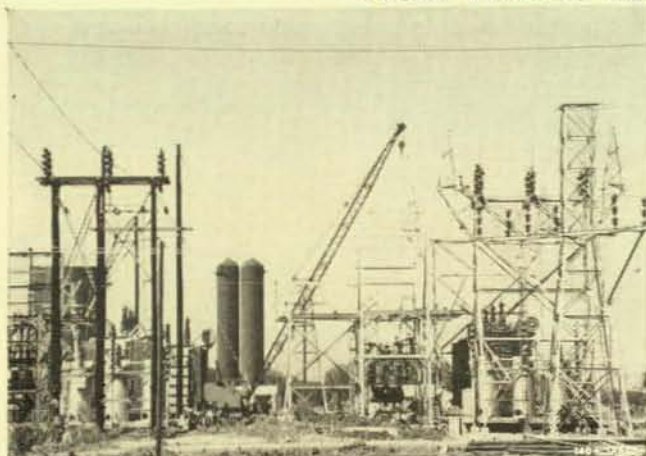
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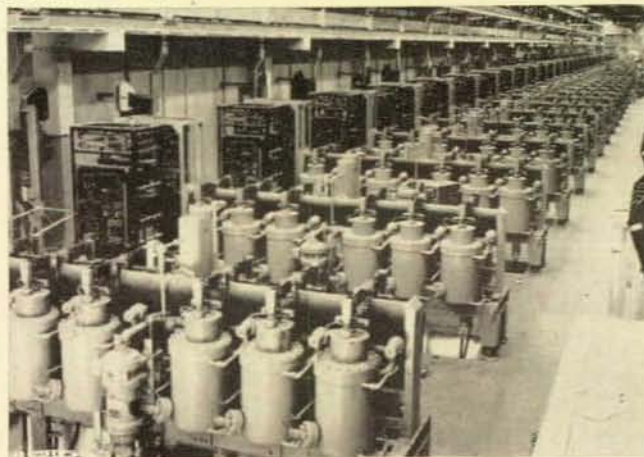
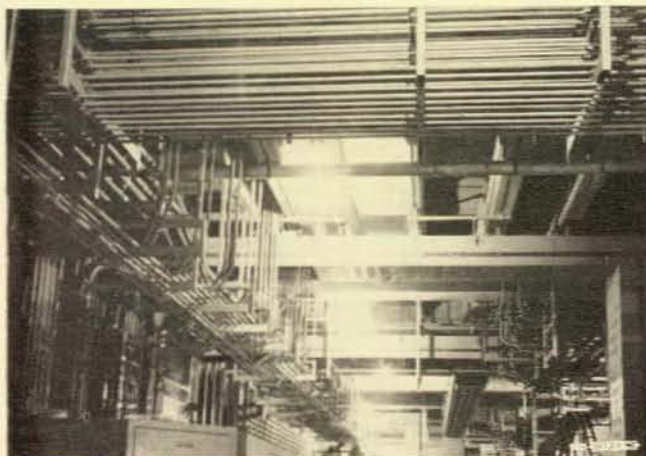
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New Kaiser Aluminum Plant



These scenes are sent to us from Local 130, New Orleans, La., showing phases of the new Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation at Chalmette with a planned capacity of 400 million pounds of aluminum a year. Above left, is a general view of the installation of sub-station No. 120; at right, the Nordberg Engine Room No. 141. Below left, the combination steam power plant and electrical bay, and at right, the GE Ignition Rectifier Installation.



administration of this plan. We hope that their continued efforts will soon effect the 100 percent soundness we all long to see. We also hope that they can soon arrange for all employers of our eligible members to make payments into this fund and perhaps it will then be possible to increase the benefits.

Our Assistant Business Agent, Bob Taylor, brought back a very interesting report on the North American Conference on Apprenticeship recently held in San Diego. Apprentice training is a program vital to all unions and one which should receive their full support. It is reported that qualified journeymen are not being developed in sufficient numbers to fill the vacancies. Men must be trained and trained properly and it is a union responsibility to aid in this training. We are very proud of the progress being made on our newly inaugurated training program for the advancement of construction linemen to journeymen.

Statistics prove that more than 90 percent of industrial accidents are due to failure on the part of workmen and those in authority to observe safety rules and failure to use the safety

devices provided for accident prevention. Rather a deplorable record when one considers that they are all being paid good wages to observe these rules. Safety rules are compiled for the purpose of making work safer for electrical workmen. Employers who participate in drawing up these rules do so knowing that in order to carry them out, speed would be sacrificed for safety. It is most incongruous that the workman should have to be forced to observe these rules.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P. S.

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Giant Aluminum Plant Near New Orleans

L. U. 130, NEW ORLEANS, LA.—The completion of Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation's primary aluminum reduction plant at Chalmette, near New Orleans will be the high point in the nation's aluminum expansion program.

This new plant on which construction started in March of 1951, will have a capacity of 400 million pounds of aluminum per year and will be the

largest primary aluminum reduction plant in the United States. The magnitude of this amount of metal from a single plant can be realized by comparison to the prewar year of 1939, when all the aluminum plants in the country produced but 330 million pounds.

To perform the Chalmette plant's production job, a vast amount of power is necessary. Thus, simultaneous with construction of production facilities, steam and radial gas engine plants with a capacity of 473,000 kilowatts have been built, by I.B.E.W. members working through Local Union 130. At the peak of employment 1,075 electricians were employed. This power volume is sufficient to supply the requirements of a city of one million population. Approximately 50 billion cubic feet of natural gas is consumed each year by Chalmette's own power facilities.

The steam plant will have a bank of 14 turbo generators, each furnishing more than 25,000 KW, and two at 10,000 KW when completed. These hydrogen-cooled generating units will be furnished steam from 15 outdoor-type steam boilers, each producing

225,000 pounds of steam per hour at 900 pounds per square inch at 905 degrees F. temperature. The turbo generators are housed in a 750-foot building with a large electrical bay attached.

The steam generators boilers are fired by more than 100 million cubic feet of natural gas per day delivered by the United Gas Pipe Line Company through a 16-inch pipeline to a plant station which meters the gas and reduces the pressure to plant requirements. While the primary fuel to be used at Chalmette will be natural gas, provision has been made for an oil supply system. The steam plant's alternating current must be converted to direct current—the type of electrical energy required by an aluminum reduction potline. A long bank of rectifiers, located in a 1,250 foot-long building between the steam plant and the potlines, receives the alternating current at 13,800 volts and delivers it to the reduction process at 700 volts d.c. This current is transmitted from the rectifiers by aluminum bars. With the completion of eight potlines, 12 million pounds of aluminum has been used for 660,000 feet of bus. Twelve miles of welding bead has been used to fabricate this bus.

In addition to furnishing power for aluminum reduction, the steam plant will have ample capacity to supply all other power needs of the Chalmette plant, with the exception of the first two potlines now being operated with d.c. power from 80 radial gas engines supplying 103,200 kilowatts.

For example, considerable electric power is needed to drive eight motors in the water pumping station. These motors develop 5,800 horsepower and drive the huge pumps which lift some 500 million gallons of water from the Mississippi River each day, sufficient water to supply a city of more than one-million persons. Most of this water is used for cooling the condensers that receive steam after it has passed through the generator turbines. The water is delivered to the steam plant through 66-inch steel pipelines. Similar piping returns the water to the river. Under Kaiser engineers, direction, 375,000 cubic yards of earth have been excavated at the Chalmette plant site for the construction of some 75 buildings having about 35 acres of floor space, about 3½ miles of rail tracking and 60,000 square yards of roadways. Thousands of items of equipment, both large and small have been installed, including 1,152 electrolytic cells in which the actual aluminum-making process occurs. Kaiser Aluminum's growth can best be illustrated by the fact that by mid-1953 it will be producing 28 per cent of the nation's primary aluminum. The company's capacity will rise from an original capacity of 216 million pounds to 816 million pounds

per year. Few materials have more interesting future prospects than aluminum. It is a comparatively new metal. Its commercial history began with the memory of living men, while the other common metals—iron, copper and lead—have been widely used for more than a thousand years. Yet, already aluminum has some 5,000 applications in homes, transportation, electric power, business buildings and factories, packaging, national defense. The trend toward additional major uses of this light, strong, versatile metal is compelling, and Louisiana will benefit from this prosperity through Kaiser Aluminum's permanent plants at Chalmette and Baton Rouge.

The officers and members of Local Union 130 would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous out of town brothers who have worked through our jurisdiction to help construct this vast electrical project. Here's hoping we have you boys back again soon.

It is also a pleasure to mention that very good relations between Foothill Electric Co. a subsidiary of Kaiser Engineering Company and Local 130 were enjoyed.

And for his splendid cooperation and understanding, we of Local 130 would like to extend our appreciation to Mr. Karl G. Ozols, Area Manager of Industrial Relations for Kaiser Engineering.

It may be well to mention that Mr. Ozols is a member of I. B. E. W. Local 243, Salinas California.

ANTHONY R. ZEIGLER, P. S.

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Decatur Local Mourns Brother Parker's Death

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—Well, gang, the September weather is wonderful in Illinois now, and life again seems worth living, in a great big way. Mother Nature seems to try to outdo herself in the fall, to compensate for the sweltering heat she dished out during the summer. The consoling thought is that we had plenty of company in our misery.

Members of Local 146 were saddened recently by the death of Brother Sam Parker. He had been working on the big Tuscola job just a short time before his death, and the members all share with his family in their loss. The union's charter was ordered draped for 30 days in memory of our departed Brother.

Brother Bill Dixon is reported as regaining his health rapidly, and is home from the hospital now. Earl Brookshier is reported as back on the job, completely recovered from his recent illness. Frank Koontz is still disabled with a broken leg suffered in an accident at home. He will be unable to return to work for several

months yet. Clyde Odle is back on the job, having recovered from his flash burns.

Brother Leonard Flack, who recently moved his family to Arizona on account of his daughter's health, lost his son, who died with pneumonia shortly after settling in Arizona. The boy's body was returned to Illinois for interment in the family plot, and members of Local 146 attended the services held in Decatur.

The members also voted at the last regular meeting to negotiate for the purchase of a property on North Woodford St., just South of Route 48. If the members can agree on a suitable building plan, Local 146 may find itself in possession of its first permanent home by this time next year.

BOB WAYNE, P.S.

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Cites New Agreement, "Plenty of Work"

L. U. 177, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—As this is my first attempt as a press secretary, I will do my very best to keep the Brothers informed of the activity and progress of this local.

Well, for the best news, we still have plenty of work with very few Brothers on the bench at present. We have a number of jobs coming up and will tell you about them when they get started.

Well, now comes our new agreement all signed, sealed and delivered. Our Negotiating Committee was made up of Brothers Pat Patterson, Hatch, Muckenfuss, and our Business Agent John Goubeaud. They did a splendid job on getting this agreement signed for a 25-cents-per-hour across the board. Starting September 17 we get 10 cents per hour and then on December 14 we will receive 15 cents per hour, giving us a \$3.00 per hour rate.

Now for our Labor Day picnic. We had a large turnout and served over 500—fried chicken, boiled ham, potato salad and plenty of soft drinks. No, there was no beer. The weather man gave us a beautiful day after we had so much rain the week before. It was a chance we took to put over this picnic and we won out. We held our picnic at Gold Head State Park where all, old and young, enjoyed themselves this Labor Day.

W. R. SAPPINGTON, P. S.

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Picnic is Great Success Despite Rain

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—Did you ever go picnicking in the rain? Well, we did, and we had a wonderful time, even though the rain came down and drove us all indoors. It was the

Jacksonville Labor Day Picnic



These members of Local 177, Jacksonville, Fla., and their wives assisted greatly in making the annual Labor Day picnic a success. At left are the members of the food committee, which served over 500 guests: (from left) Brothers C. G. Smith, Howard Dill, Ocia Cox, chairman, J. C. Cox, T. H. Davis and John Goodman. At right is the entertainment committee: Brother R. M. Slight, chairman; Cox, Sligh, J. J. Myers, Mrs. Sam Brown, and Frank Myers.



Part of the 500 members and guests of the local waiting to be served dinner.

first—and only—rainy day of the summer, but the weather had no respect for the fact that L.U. 180 was holding its second annual picnic or that we had ordered lots of sunshine for the day.

Brother Kenneth Hahn, chairman of entertainment, and his hard-working committee had all details completed for our picnic with a fried chicken dinner at noon out under the big trees at Lokoya Lodge, games and contests for the young and old youngsters, a big bingo game, horseback riding and swimming in the big pool. However, they adapted themselves immediately to the changed conditions, moved the tables and benches into the main dining room of the lodge and proceeded to carry on their program. The chicken dinner was served to and enjoyed by all members present. Brother Henry Krawkowsky and wife took the smaller children into a room next door and improvised children's games to entertain them. The bingo game proceeded according to schedule. Then after a buffet supper, we danced until the wee hours.

Special guests included: Executive Council Member Charlie Foehn, business manager of L.U. 6 and wife; Mr.

and Mrs. William Reedy, L.U. 6; Mr. and Mrs. Cameron L.U. 617; Jimmy Pollard, business manager for L.U. 343, Plumbers and Steamfitters and many others.

It was certainly different, it was enjoyable and it was a success. I you want to have fun—try a picnic in the rain.

D. V. McCARTY, P. S.

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Work for Local in Power House Addition

L. U. 183, LEXINGTON, KY.—I assume that this article will be quite a surprise to you good brothers since it isn't often that you hear from your "country cousins" down in the Blue Grass. The accompanying photo is of the group who installed the electrical work at the recently completed Tyrone Kentucky Power house addition. The addition of the 60,000 kilowatt generator doubled the capacity of the Tyrone Station. Brother Dan Murphy of Local Union 134 supervised the installation for the Northern States Company, until near completion of the job, when he returned to Chicago and Brother Walter Hickey completed the job as superintendent with the able assistance of General Foreman James Hoge.

This was a very good job for our Brothers and our only regret is that there isn't more like it as there isn't much industry in our section of the

country and we have had to depend upon the neighboring local unions often in the past for employment. We wish to thank the good Brothers for the many favors that they have bestowed upon us.

Our recently completed agreement raised our wage scale to \$2.90 per hour effective July 1, 1953. At the present time we are making a determined effort to more thoroughly organize our town. I believe that Lexington is the largest town in the United States without either an electrical license law or an ordinance regulating the installation of Electrical work.

We are also making a concerted drive to get such an ordinance passed and a city Electrical Code set up.

LESLIE BROWN, P. S.

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Centennial Celebration For Atlantic City

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—I want to apologize to the staff for being late once again. What with my main roof going bad on me and having to rip all of the old shingles off and tarpaper and then having to replace the lumber, I have been kept quite busy. Also, at the same time our golf club is holding its annual club championship play. Fortunately I was eliminated in the first round by Herb Trantenberg, who was the medalist in the qualifying rounds—two and one in the first flight. No excuses, he was the better man, but yours truly really beat himself. Better luck next time, Curley. And all the time this was going on my sister-in-law came down and asked me to see about getting her a new "53"

Ford ranch wagon. So you can see, Brothers, I really had a lot on my mind. Just came in now from putting a few more shingles on. So much for my troubles, I have got to get on with my article.

Next year, Brothers, Atlantic City, New Jersey, will be holding a centennial. I had hoped to have some news for you about the whole affair. To date I have not had much luck. Perhaps before Christmas, which will be only one month away when you are reading this, I may have some news for you on it.

Well on the job, I am still working in Local 439 territory; Brother William Ireland and yours truly are still carrying on in building number three. Brother William Bennett is still keeping us all straight.

Well, Brothers, I don't have much to offer this month as I missed the last meeting. I understand, though, that Local 210 here in A. C. had a big time at their shindig the other evening. A good time was had by all. The press secretary of Local 210 should have a nice report of the happenings in the article above mine.

Thanks for bearing with me and I'll try and do better next month.

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

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Fears Period of Partial Idleness

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO—It is my opinion that labor as a whole is due for a period of partial idleness. It shall not be for long, but I believe that it will be long enough to create serious thinking among the rank and file of organized men and women. I am anxious to hear the remarks of those who seemed to think that we were in need of a change this past election. After approximately 12 to 15 years of steady employment, I believe

that a condition may now occur that will tend to weld together a greater majority of workers than has ever been accomplished before. Too much has been taken for granted in the past, with little thought given to the future. I believe that now, the future shall be the prime issue from now on. The more pressure that is put on organized labor in the next few years, the more strength we shall gain.

It is with deep regret that I must report the deaths of three of our brothers in the past two weeks. Brother Grover Alfred, long associated with The Becker Electric Company, passed away suddenly, on his way to work. Brother John Nioberding, after a short illness, followed within a week. Brother Stewart Conner complained of illness on the job one day and the next, succumbed to a heart attack. These three deaths within such a short span of time were a great shock to L. U. 212. The members of Local 212, offer their deepest sympathy to the families of these Brother members.

HOWARD E. STAPLETON, P. S.

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Cash Benefits from Security Funds

L. U. 215, POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Some material was published recently in the "Industrial Bulletin" of the New York State Department of Labor and we thought it might be of interest to the many members who read our JOURNAL. The material is as follows:

Approval of a security fund plan providing cash benefits to members of IBEW Local Union No. 215 in Poughkeepsie, augmenting their unemployment insurance, compensation or welfare plan payments, has stirred wide interest in labor circles throughout the State. The plan, negotiated with contractors in the Poughkeepsie area

and ratified by the union in July, is described as the first of its type in New York and, possibly among the nation's AFL unions.

Under the plan, which will be financed by hourly contribution rates of 10 cents for straight time and 20 cents for overtime work, members of the union will receive \$30 weekly in addition to the unemployment insurance, compensation of union welfare plan payments they are drawing.

The Security Fund, supervised by four trustees, two representing the contractors and two from the union, will start payments after June 30, 1954. Administration of the fund will be in the hands of a bonded official, chosen by the trustees.

The weekly benefits are payable to any member in good standing in the union who is eligible for and receiving either unemployment insurance or workmen's compensation payments, or if unable to work because of non-occupational illness or accident, eligible for benefits under the Local's Labor Welfare Fund. The State benefits maximum is \$30 a week, the Welfare Fund \$40. The Security Fund's additional \$30 weekly is available for a maximum of 13 weeks in any 12-month period.

WILLIAM SORENSON, B. M.

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Local Officer Runs For School Committee

L. U. 259, SALEM, MASS.—We are following the progress of our new business manager Eugene F. Gilgan, and I think all (or most all) will agree that the choice was a good one. There are definite signs of progress over the past three months. While we are on the subject of the business manager, Gene has thrown his homburg in the ring for school committeeman in Salem. The local should back his

Install Electric Work at Power Addition



These members of Local 183, Lexington, Ky., recently completed the electrical installations for the Tyrone Kentucky Power House addition. Front left to right, they are: (front row) Louis Nickles; Lucian Good; Ray Horne; Dennis Dozier; Leslie Burns; Ryburn Childs; Kelly Johnson; Elmer McClain; Zak Lee; Jake Meadows; William Skidmore; Fred Snyder; Ivo Mudd; William Courtney. (Second row) Hart Redding; Wayne Sutton; Walter Courtney; Cecil Webber; Richard Daniels; Milward Trammell; Paul Fallis; James Stallard; Andrew Downey; Bob Bolner; Parker Davidson; Elmer Hixson; James Smith; Vic Spell. (Third row) James Shotwell; Jesse Duval; James Hoge; Jesse Steel, business manager of Local 183; Leslie Brown, assistant business manager; William Wathen; Leslie Courtney; Cecil Bolner; William Stallard; Reid Burns; Ralph Strong; Elmer Dunn; John Eckman; Dan Murphy; Walter Hickey; Eugene Atha.

PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



WILLIAM J. NIGHT

THE press secretary whom we single out for special honor this month is William J. Night, of L. U. 43, Syracuse, New York. Brother Night has a long-time union record as well as a good record for promoting better electrical training and methods by devoting his own talents to teaching and instructing.

Brother Bill Night was initiated into our Brotherhood as a journeyman in 1912 by L. U. 394 of Auburn, New York. He served in World War I as a first lieutenant in the Air Corps. Following the Armistice, Brother Night returned to the electrical trade, transferring his union membership to L. U. 43 in Syracuse.

efforts and especially the voters of Salem. Labor has never been well represented in this city. A little and a lot of campaigning is in order. I am sure your efforts will be appreciated.

We still have a very sick boy in our Past President Herbie Omero, 16 Hammond St., Gloucester. A card now fellows, may cheer Herbie a lot.

Business conditions are good. Not any large jobs, but sufficient work is available. We have a few members visiting Worcester and Bedford, Massachusetts. We also say hello to C. Phinney, in Philly.

Lest any Brother get a distorted version of working conditions here and come bumping on our business manager's door I'd like to explain about the heart condition our local has. We have without a doubt, the largest and most generous heart of any local in existence today. With every trade accepting rate increases

In 1921 he was selected by L. U. 43 and the Syracuse Board of Education as a teacher of Industrial Electricity and Drafting. He served successively as teacher, supervisor and principal.

It was Brother William Night who organized the first day attendance of the apprentice training school for apprentices of the building trades in Syracuse, New York and served as its principal from its organization in 1927 until 1929 when he resigned to engage in industrial work.

During World War II, Brother Night served as Director of Procurement for the American Red Cross in the China, Burma, India theatre of war.

Brother Night is a widower with two grown children, a lawyer son and a daughter who is a nurse. His hobbies are writing (prose and poetry) and travelling.

In 1951, Brother Night made a lone tour to nearly all the national parks in the United States, covering more than 15,000 miles.

Brother Night has been press secretary of L. U. 43 for more than a year and his excellent contributions attest to the success of writing as his second hobby. Thanks for your interest and cooperation, Brother, and keep those contributions coming.

(some even offered by the employers themselves, honest) we still maintain our distaste of the word raise. There's something in that word that smacks of the devil himself.

We were bold, and asked for a thin dime the last time out. When it was threatened to terminate our agreement our generous heart came to the fore. We could not even see that good paper being wasted, so we crawled in our shells for another year. However, as Ed. Wynn was wont to say, "This year the program will be different." We hope!

IRWIN T. MCCARTHY, R. S.

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Local 275's President Injured While Working

L. U. 275, MUSKEGON, MICH.—The fall season is with us again with vaca-

tions over and "back to school" for kids. We have been having some nice weather here but the nights are cool. A lot of fellows have started talking deer hunting season already, as this was being written, the 28th of September.

Work is very good in our territory at present with quite a few tramps working here. The Hooker Electrochemical Plant with H. K. Ferguson of Cleveland, Ohio is our biggest project employing nearly 100 electricians and about 600 men in all.

Our President Harry Hill had his left leg crushed by a steel girder while working on bus bar supports at the Hooker Plant and has been laid up at home with a cast for over six weeks so far. All the boys from 275 pitched in for a little collection, along with other crafts on the job. We all wish Harry a speedy recovery.

Austin ("Law and Order") Tarte is doing a splendid job of presiding over our meetings during Harry's absence. Another Brother, Frank Plahutnik was severely burned about the face and arms when a switch and welder he was working on blew up. Bob Lowder and Bob Conklin are proud new fathers passing out cigars. A few of the boys who have been on the road for the past two years or more are back in our territory again, Ray Raeger, Clarence Hague, Ray Novack and Warren Bassett. Now that Bassett is back we're going to have a good fish fry soon.

JAMES DAVIS, P.S.

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Officers Chosen for Minn. Bowling League

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The bowling season is again under way with the Minneapolis Electrical Contractors sponsoring our eight-team league. League bowling is held every Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m. at the Edina Alleys. League officers elected are: Earl Forrer, president; Don Edmond, vice president; Russell Houck, secretary. Sponsors of the teams are: Batzli Electric, Spencer Electric, Bates Electric, Enterprise Electric, Sterling Electric, Minneapolis Electric Service, Skeldon and Green Electric, Electric Repair and Construction Company. In addition to supporting the teams financially, several contractors are bowling with their men. Let's show them we are interested in our league by going down to root for our favorite gang.

A committee was appointed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union to work with the City Council and Planning Commission. Those appointed are as follows: B. F. Mulvihill, business manager, Minneapolis Building Trades Council; I. J. Oakes, business manager, Plumbers Local and Secretary of the Minneapolis Building Trades

Council; Dick Noonan, Electrical Workers, and W. C. Cramond, president, Minneapolis CLU. The committee's purpose is to plan, help and assist in setting up new businesses, factories and worthwhile projects into Minneapolis for the betterment of this fair city. In the past, many business enterprises have moved out and others failed to come in due to tax structures, zoning laws, etc., which has resulted in a loss to labor of many good jobs. These men are going to help get back those lost man hours.

Minnesota "B" electrical licenses are extended two years from January 1, 1953. Then an electrician must possess an "A" license.

The eighth annual picnic of Local Unions 110 and 292 was held July 11 at Libby's Park, Bass Lake. This picnic, held annually so members and their families of these Twin City locals can get better acquainted and have a good outing while doing so was a success in every way.

Brother Robert Lucas is still at Iowa Veterans' Hospital at Clinton, Iowa.

The Sick Committee is functioning very well. These boys spend a lot of time and effort visiting our hospitalized Brothers and really are to be commended for a job well done.

There is a move on in Minnesota to issue special State Electrical Licenses to men engaged in fire alarm and burglar alarm installation and similar occupations. Local 292 is definitely against this relaxing of licensing laws. Proponents of this special license make it look good to have everyone licensed, but it will chop up and gradually take work away from licensed journeymen. A licensed electrician should be a competent journeyman, capable of doing all electrical construction work.

Johnny Burch was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Examining Board.

Contract was settled at the Control Corporation with an increase of 10 cents an hour, increase in holiday benefits and improvement in vacation clause.

Negotiations at Mankato for the telephone workers unit were opened in September.

Our Financial Secretary Guy Alexander, attended the American Federation of Labor Convention at St. Louis, Missouri, September 16, 17 and 18.

Local 1216, Radio and Television Broadcast Technicians, will amalgamate with Local 292. They will give up their charter but will retain their executive officers and handle their affairs themselves under a Unit of Local 292. Welcome home, Brothers!

Brothers, this is your column so how about some help filling it? I'd appreciate news and pictures of interest to our readers, especially the outlying Units of Willmar, Mankato, St. Cloud, Montevideo and Anoka. Send your contributions to the office.

JOHN J. O'ROURKE, P. S.

Fort Wayne Picnic Is Great Success

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—The picnic this year surpassed any we have had yet. There was plenty to eat and lots of refreshments for grownups and children alike. There were wonderful attendance prizes donated by the contractors and supply houses. Many a Brother went home with new clocks, lamps and other items too numerous to mention. Brothers B. Wells, chairman, A. Hartman, L. H. Gerke, A. Meyer, A. Miller, J. Kreigh, J. Clark, B. Bruns, D. Miller, E. Walker comprised the committee that was responsible for this enjoyable day. For myself and all the Brothers of Local 305, thanks.

B. Myer has returned home from Indianapolis hospital and his leg is getting along fine, but it will be several weeks before he can return to work. Drop over and see Bob for he has been a long time on his back. He will be glad to talk shop with the Brothers or just plain talk.

Also Brother F. Musser has returned to work for awhile but his legs are still giving him trouble.

That is all for this month. Remember, meetings first and third Mondays. Think about this, Brothers—the minority can control a majority if the majority don't attend meetings. Somebody once said, "I don't agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

Urges Revival of Labor Day Celebration

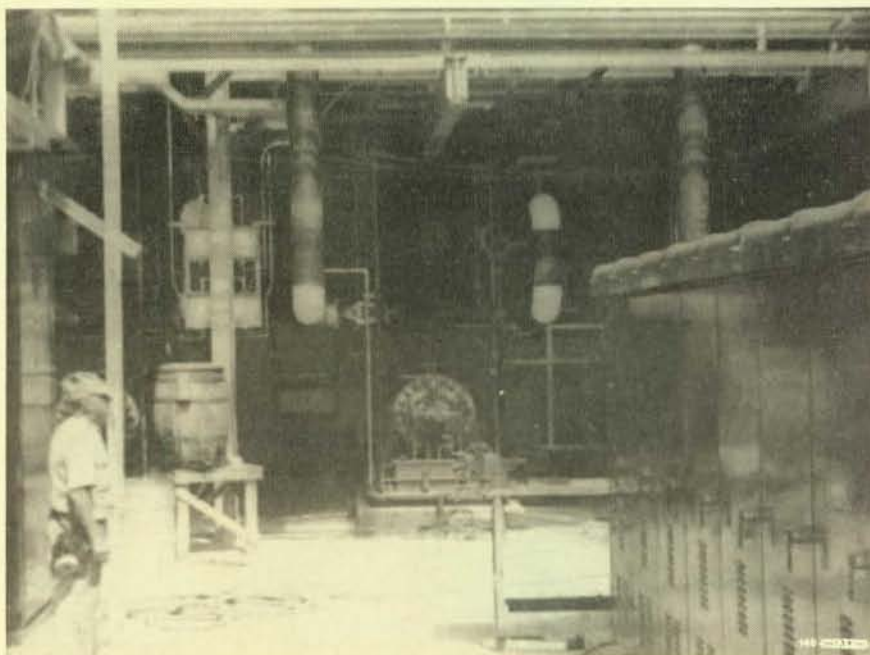
L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—I happened to be in Miami on Labor Day and was one of the crowd who cheered the participants of the very fine Labor Day Parade of all organized crafts in that city. It was an impressive and heartening sight to realize how strongly organized labor is supported in this famous city of Florida.

My one desire is that we can revive this event in the very near future in the Palm Beaches. The old timers tell me that West Palm Beach used to put on quite a display. Perhaps we should remind our younger members of organized labor, just what working and living conditions were, before, through the untiring efforts of our early pioneers, organized labor began to receive recognition and support in the fields of industry. Too much is just taken for granted these days.

Our boys in the service are beginning to drop back into civilian life now that the war in Korea is over. Brother Bill Wheat's son, Paul, is on his way home after active service in the fighting line in Korea, also the son of Brother Ralph Harpster, our local's financial secretary, will soon be back from overseas duty in Germany. It is good to see these boys coming back to civilian life once again.

An amusing, but could have become a serious incident, occurred on the power-house job the other day. It seems one of the mechanics left a

Florida Power House Project



Here is another scene of the progress of the Power House Job in the jurisdiction of Local 323, West Palm Beach, Fla. The motor to the right of the water barrel is one of the boiler feed pumps.

Mark 25 Years of Local 342, Greensboro



This fine group of members of Local 342, Greensboro, N. C., gathered in August to celebrate their local's 25th anniversary. Front row, left to right: R. A. Pinnix; E. C. Peele; Joe Peele; M. A. Dixon; S. C. Chandler; C. L. Earl; John B. McCauley; W. B. Petty, International Vice President; D. W. Stroud; R. F. Newman; Ray A. Chandler; Ray A. Canter, and R. E. Rayle. Second row, S. N. Kistner; G. F. Waddell; W. V. Trollinger; D. L. Brown; M. L. Drake; W. E. Smothers; H. G. Morris; A. W. Miller; R. A. Sink, and J. E. Massey. Third row: G. L. Wingfield; J. A. Myrick; W. W. Winstead; E. P. Mooser; J. B. Chandler; L. T. Luther; A. M. Taylor; R. C. French; J. C. Lowe; Charles L. Gardner; F. A. Brooks; Aultman Kindley, and A. M. Fraizer.



Good food and pleasant entertainment were featured at the anniversary celebration.

hot soldering iron on one of our work benches, one that is always used to sit on at lunch time. One of our best foremen hoisted himself up at lunch time and almost sat on the iron—anyway he was too darn close as he really felt the heat. As it turned out nobody got hurt, but fellows, let's be a little more careful, an accident can happen in seconds but it can incapacitate you for weeks, sometimes it can be fatal.

The weather is still unusually warm for this time of the year. They say it's the humidity as we are also getting unusual rains after a very dry summer. However the 6th hurricane passed us by for which we are very thankful, they do not present such a threat but they sure leave one with an awful cleaning-up job after they have gone.

Will see you all next month with some very interesting news.

WALTER FARRELL, P.S.

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Barbecue Marks 25th Anniversary, Local 342

L. U. 342, GREENSBORO, N. C.—On August 27th Local 342 in Greensboro, North Carolina celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a barbecue at the

Firemans Club. All members and their families were invited along with our contractors. Total number present was 145.

We had two distinguished visitors and speakers, our Interantional Vice President W. B. Petty and Lieutenant Willard of our State Highway Patrol Office. Lieutenant Willard spoke on safety and courtesy on the highway. The members and guests enjoyed the Lieutenant's speech very much.

W. B. Petty spoke briefly on the organization and the progress of our local. He stated that 342 was one of the best and most progressive locals in the 12th District. Brother Petty drove in from Chattanooga to attend our anniversary. Quite a few of our members met Mr. Petty for the first time.

One of our charter members, now our business agent, Brother J. B. McCauley, gave a brief history of L. U. 342. The records show that the charter was granted on August 27, 1928. It began with 12 members. Two of these are still active in the local, Brother McCauley and Brother E. V. Thomason who at present is working in Pennsylvania. The local received a letter from Brother Thomason stating he was unable to attend. At the beginning the local was built up to 60 members. During the depression

this dropped off to what we call the "faithful few" only eight members remained. They were S. A. O'Daniels, J. B. McCauley, G. A. Wagoner, E. V. Thomason, A. M. Taylor, R. L. Walker, H. F. Richardson and W. E. Sigmon.

In 1933 the "faithful few" began to build up the local again. The wage scale was then 75 cents per hour for journeymen and 38 cents per hour for apprentices. In 1940 the scale jumped to \$1.00 per hour. In 1942 we went to \$1.25 per hour. Each time our apprentices were raised accordingly.

Today we have what we consider one of the best locals in the South. Our scale at the present is \$2.35 per hour with apprentices from \$1.05 to \$1.90 per hour.

We know this sounds small compared to some of the other locals but it shows that progress has been made. We feel that this has been made possible by the membership and our contractors who have been most cooperative.

As long as we can have good relations with our contractors, cooperation among our membership we will remain progressive.

I would like to commend Sammy Chandler, vice president and Lloyd Murray, treasurer for the fine work they did in helping with arrangements.

Model Railroad Enthusiasts in D.C.



These members of Local 362, Washington, D. C., Brother Charles W. Riley, at left, and Brother Charles S. Rhodes proudly display their miniature railroads which are described in the accompanying letter from the local.

Our local has taken on another project I'm proud to say. We have donated labor for the new Cerebral Palsy School here in Greensboro. We have had a fine response from our members on this project. Donations of our labor on a project of this type is something none of us will ever regret. It is the least we can do for these cerebral palsy victims and their families.

Two of our members, Brother Walt Ellison and Brother E. P. Moser, have been sick. We wish for them a speedy recovery and hope they can soon be with us again.

I hope all of you enjoy the pictures of our 25th Anniversary party.

Looking forward to seeing all of you anytime you can drop by I remain,

CHARLES L. EARL, President.

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Holiday Greetings From Miami Local

L. U. 349, MIAMI, FLA.—As long as I have been press secretary I have always wanted to see Christmas greetings in the JOURNAL before Christmas rather than after Christmas. So, Local Union 349's members and our officers wish most at this time to extend to our International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, a Brotherhood of many good friends, a sincere wish of health and prosperity for Christmas and the New Year just around the corner, and many, many more to come.

Will close with the old reminder—"Keep your chin up and your eyes on the South." Even the birds know where it is best to live in the winter.

R. C. TINDELL, P. S.

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New Officers Raise Perth Amboy Interest

L. U. 358, PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—With elections behind us everybody

here in Amboy has once more settled down to normal. Our new officers are striving to do a good job and their efforts lend a genuine zest to our meetings.

Knute Jensen is now president of L. U. 358. Aided by Vice President Curtis Brink, he applies the rules of parliamentary procedure like an old timer.

Speaking of old timers, John C. Boll, whose card is 38 years old, was once more reelected to the office of business manager, and Bill Clausen was returned to office as treasurer, while Vice Larsen was reelected for the 20th consecutive time as our financial secretary. Both of these brothers were initiated 40 years ago!

The majority of our local union saw fit to send three new faces into the Executive Board meetings: Frank Minnick, Bill Morgan and Martin ("Big Rass") Rasmussen. Reelected were Harry Sassman, chairman; Frank Ryan, John Leshick, and Andy Sheehy.

Our delegates to the I.B.E.W. Convention will be Executive Board member Frank Ryan, and Business Manager John (Chockie) Boll.

Examining Board members (apprentice members take note!) are as follows: Chester Hamer, John Fofrich and Walt Stillman.

The above list of officers of our local union for the next two years would be incomplete were we to omit our hard working and efficient recording secretary, Carl Pedersen.

The biggest event of the year, without doubt, was the celebration of our Golden Anniversary at the Hotel Essex House in Newark on February 7. The banquet hall was filled to overflowing with more than 1300 people. It was a gala affair, if ever there was one, with celebrities from every walk of life at the speakers' table.

Proudly we recounted in our program the highlights of our history as a chartered local union in the great International Brotherhood of Electri-

cal Workers. Brother Jay Franke, who was an apprentice in 1903, is our only living charter member. He was an honored guest that evening, a living witness to the recorded history of L. U. 358. And he still works every day as chief electrical inspector for the City of Perth Amboy.

It came as a surprise to many of the younger members that down through the years it was our unique privilege to have played a vital part in the organizing of the following sister locals: L. U. 400, Asbury Park; L. U. 516, Red Bank; L. U. 262, Plainfield; and L. U. 456, New Brunswick.

Many of our friends will be grieved to learn that our second oldest member, Brother Edward S. Soffield, who was initiated in 1909, passed on to his eternal reward within a few weeks after this celebration.

For a time we thought we were going to lose another brother, Andy Bartosh. He had a very serious spinal operation. Happily, at this writing he is able to sit up and greet visitors in his room at the Perth Amboy General Hospital.

Work at the Sayerville Power House of the Jersey Central Power and Light Company is coming along very slowly. There are only 10 men there at this time but this promises to be a big job. When complete, it will boast two 150,000 K.W. generators. However, we still have local men out of town working as far away as Trenton.

To our friends in far away and nearby locals, we extend our warmest greetings in the words of the great English poet, Hillaire Belloc:

From quiet home and small
beginning
Out to the undiscovered
ends
There's nothing worth the wear
of winning
But laughter and the love
of friends.

DANIEL J. CONNOLLEY, P. S.

Model Railroaders Of Washington Local

L. U. 362, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Some of the members of L. U. 362 have railroading as a hobby as well as a means of earning their daily bread. Model railroading that is. Pictures are included. One shows Brother Charles W. Riley, railroad electrician at Local Union 362 of Washington, D. C. with his layout of electric trains.

Brother Riley works with the maintenance of equipment gang at the coach yard of the Washington Terminal Co. of Washington, D. C.

This train layout has many features such as motorized turntable made from his own idea and it is really something to see. Other features developed by Brother Riley are loading platforms, elevated railroad tracks, penstock, tunnels, etc.

A charter member of our local, Brother Riley has served as vice president and as a member of the Executive Board in years past. He operates the local's own 16 millimeter sound projector for educational meetings and usually arranges most of our movie programs.

We are proud to have Brother Riley as a member of our local and it is a pleasure to work with him on the job and with union affairs.

Brother Charles S. Rhodes, railroad electrician helper, Local Union 362 of Washington, D. C., is shown in the other picture as he stands beside his electric train layout.

Brother Rhodes works with the coach yard maintenance gang of the Washington Terminal Company of Washington, D. C.

As you can see Brother Rhodes has done much to make his train layout very impressive.

We are also glad to have Brother Rhodes as a member of our local and we are proud to say that he is a credit to our organization.

JAMES W. CHEADLE, P. S.

Ladies Attend Knoxville Banquet

L. U. 365, KNOXVILLE, TENN.—For the first time, ladies attended the annual banquet of TVA Operating Local No. 365, held recently at the S. and W. Cafeteria, Knoxville, Tennessee. Membership of the local represents TVA facilities in a large portion of TVA's Eastern Power District. Having the ladies attend was such a success that it is planned to invite them to all future banquets. At the speakers' table, extreme left, are Mrs. H. P. Cooper; H. P. Cooper, local treasurer; Mrs. Joe L. Thompson; Joe L. Thompson, member of the Committee on Banquet Arrangements; Mrs. J. D. Hayes; J. D. Hayes, master of ceremonies; Hubert F. Melton, financial secretary; Mrs. Hubert F. Melton; Mrs. J. C. Owens; J. C. Owens, recording secretary. Local President J. L. Holsclaw was unable to get away from the job and was not present. Ray Pope, operator at Cherokee Dam, entertained with his recitation "Coon Hound Dog."

H. F. MELTON, F. S.

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Louisville Local Aids Book Drive

L. U. 369, LOUISVILLE, KY.—Local Union 369 is the second Louisville labor organization to make a contribution to the Kentucky Bookmobile Project. L. U. 369's contribution of \$1,500.00 will finance one-half the price of a Bookmobile fully stocked with books.

A state-wide campaign will be held September 8th through September 30th, to raise \$300,000.00 to purchase one hundred Bookmobiles. Each unit, a complete traveling library, will cost \$3,000,000.00.

Governor Lawrence Wetherby, honorary chairman of the campaign, has set as its goal "books for every child in Kentucky." The Bookmobiles will

travel in rural areas that have been without library service.

The name of the organization or individual sponsoring a Bookmobile will be inscribed on the traveling library. Local Union 369's donation makes a total of 24 Bookmobiles paid for in advance of the campaign.

Local Union 369's check was presented by Brother Joe Williamson, president and Colonel H. H. Hudson, business manager, to Mr. Paul Hughes, a member of the Bookmobile project's executive committee.

Louisville's branch of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers prides itself in the interest it has shown in supporting Louisville's Civic and philanthropic efforts in the recent years. Our membership voted the contribution without any question or hesitation.

On the same night another \$1,500.00 donation was voted to the fund for the Susan Speed Davis Home and Hospital to care for unwed mothers. A campaign is now on to raise \$300,000.00 for this venture, which is a branch of the Salvation Army, and a truly worthy cause.

We, at Local Union 369, feel that in some small way, through these contributions, we might be instrumental in helping someone less fortunate. This, we hope, may start a new trend of thought on "lend a hand Brother."

CARROLL HALEY, P. S.

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Quotes Article on Union Building

L. U. 382, COLUMBIA, S. C.—Recently there appeared in the July issue of *Reader's Digest*, an article which I think all our members would do well to read, and heed, cleaning our own backyards before it is too late. As space and our word limit will not permit a full reprint of this article on these pages, I bring you here a summary of "This Union Prospers By Producing," and recommend that all our members read the full article if

At Local 365's Annual Banquet



The members and guests of Local 365's annual banquet in Knoxville, Tenn.

they can, hoping it will inspire them to self betterment, thus bettering the whole of the I.B.E.W.

Back in 1944 when, despite a building boom, tile layers were out of work and membership in A.F.L. Tile Layers Local 18 in Los Angeles had fallen to only 142 dues-paying tile setters, the president of that local called a meeting. And at that meeting in answer to the many proposals such as limiting the number of tiles a man could set each day, canceling apprenticeship or boosting wages, a soft-voiced, 40-year-old tile layer named Ed McGourty spoke up.

"Everything you fellows propose will help kill off the industry that is our livelihood. The only way to collect more wages is to get more tile into homes, and we'll never do that until we lay more tile per day so the contractors can meet the competition of . . . new substitutes. Another reason we're losing work is that we've been doing sloppy tile laying and the customers are disgusted. Let's help build up the industry instead of tearing it down. When the contractors get theirs, we'll get ours."

Appointed business manager and secretary-treasurer of the local on the spot, McGourty put his plan into action with amazing results. Membership now has zoomed from 142 to 781 tile layers — plus 140 dues-paying members who have gone into business for themselves as small contractors. Unemployment is almost unheard-of. Workdays lost have fallen from the old average of 20 percent to about 2 percent. McGourty has upped wages from \$1.50 per hour to \$2.85 with allowances for travel to and from jobs. Employers also contribute two and a half percent of wages to a welfare fund from which \$250,000 for insurance premiums is paid annually. The local owns its own headquarters building, and has \$200,000 in blue-chip bonds.

And this is how McGourty brought it all about. Instead of limiting the amount of tile laid, the union evolved techniques whereby the average tile layer's daily stint increased from 35 square feet of flat wall to 60 square feet.

"That helps meet the competition," explains McGourty. "People would rather have a tile job any day if it doesn't cost too much more. We are getting tile into thousands of small homes where it wouldn't have been considered before."

The union used demonstration jobs to promote the use of tile. Manufacturers contributed tile, contractors got the setting bed ready, the local set the tile, free. This work was paid for from union funds or done by volunteers. For example, when the manufacturers' tile council decided to put a show kitchen of 500 square feet of fancy tile in a new Red Cross canteen, McGourty threw in a crew of 40 volun-

Takes 2nd Labor Day Prize



Local 390's second prize-winning float, entered in the Port Arthur, Tex., Labor Day parade. The names are given in the local's letter.

teers one Saturday morning at eight o'clock. They had the job completed by one o'clock, in time to go to the football game.

Two years ago the local bought a run-down movie house for \$15,500 to use as a union meeting hall. McGourty picked a crew of 50 to report one Saturday morning. By nightfall the old building boasted a spic-and-span pale-green tile front.

"That shows how tile can spruce up a business area," says McGourty. "Think of all the work it would mean for us if we could get a lot of face lifting under way."

McGourty and the other union officers in the past nine years have checked an average of eight jobs a day to see that the workmanship is right and if it is not it is redone by the union member on his own time.

McGourty polices the contractors, too. And by agreement contractors in the Los Angeles area do not use culls (low grade tiles) unless authorized by the builder.

Also instead of curtailing apprenticeships, Local 18 has had to help subsidize a public trade school, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Junior Technical College, to turn out more well-trained young tile setters. Forty-five helpers are undergoing three-year apprenticeship training constantly. The local pays two veteran tile layers to serve as night school "professors."

Summing up the union's success McGourty says: "All the credit isn't ours. The contractors and the manufacturers are playing ball, too. The whole industry is getting its money's worth. . . . If we don't protect our industry we're all out of business."

Gives food for thought doesn't it?

J. S. RAGIN, P. S.

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Local 390 Float Takes Second Prize

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS—
Local 390 won second place in the

Labor Day parade of more than 40 floats. The second prize was gratifying. Anyone would have had a hard time convincing any 390 member that we should not have had first prize. On the enclosed picture reading from left to right, J. W. "Dub" Miller, president of L. U. 390; Nat Wells, labor attorney for the Texas State Federation of Labor and E. C. Gones, business manager of L. U. 390. Our thanks go to O. R. "Joe" Savant and Raymond Taylor and the many others that worked so hard to make this beautiful float possible.

Brother George Cantrell is also to be congratulated for a fine job in giving us a wonderful Labor Day program. In addition to the parade which drew the largest crowd of spectators in Port Arthur history, the day was topped off with a very fine Labor Day address by Nat Wells of Dallas, and Paul Sparks of Austin.

The local has been successful in signing a contract with Goodrich Rubber Company covering all electricians in the plant for another year with a four per cent raise.

Jack Recio, is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. Brother O. L. "Red" Copeland is at home after a very serious operation. All members are pulling for a speedy recovery.

The apprentice convention for this district was held in Fort Worth, September 10-11-12. Each class selects an outstanding student to represent their class at this convention. This year's outstanding student was Brother Dale Miller, son of our past president O. J. Miller. Dale made a fine report. He stated that he had gained some very valuable hints and that he would pass them on to his class. He also stated in addition to the business session he had a very nice time. Brother T. J. Daigle, instructor for the class also attended the convention with Brother Miller.

A. A. DERROUGH, P. S.

Helping Hand for Youngsters



These members of Local 394, Auburn, N. Y., who gave their Fourth of July holiday to installing the wiring for the Little Leaguers' Baseball Park, are named in the local's letter.

Spend Holiday Helping Little Leaguers' Team

L. U. 394, AUBURN, N. Y.—Members of Local Union 394 could have stayed in bed or gone on a picnic with their families on the Fourth of July, but instead 14 of the local's members volunteered to wire the clubhouse, press-box and electric scoreboard at the Little Leaguers Park. The material that was required for the installation was donated by Mrs. Beatrice O'Donnell of the O'Donnell Electric Company, Inc., of Auburn, New York. The project was completed in four hours.

Members who worked on the project are, left to right, first row; Sam Indelicato, press secretary; Edward Charles, financial secretary; Joe Enge, David Winters, John De Moso, Frank Rice, Jr., Larry Netti. Second row: David Walsh, Jim Locastro, John Canole, William Leonard, William Osborne, business manager; Jimmy Farrar, Dave Jameson and Herbert House, a member of the Dad's Committee of the Little League Baseball, who was in charge of the project.

SAM INDELICATO, P. S.

35th Anniversary Of Local 400, N. J.

L. U. 400, ASBURY PARK, N. J.—Accompanying this article is a photograph of officers at our annual banquet celebrating the 35th anniversary of Local 400, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Our banquet was attended by 350 members and guests at Sea Girt Inn, Sea Girt, New Jersey on June 13, 1953. Reading from left to right: Reverend Miller, Sea Girt, New Jersey; Mrs. Joseph Boa; Joseph Boa, business manager; Mrs. Carl Grunke; Carl Grunke, president, Local 400; Joseph W. Liggett, International Vice President Third District; Mrs. Joseph W. Liggett; Al Terry, International Representative; P. Joseph Quinn, manager of N.E.C.A.; William Robinson, master of ceremonies and Mrs. William Robinson.

THOMAS SAWYER, P. S.

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Local Holds Annual Completion Ceremony

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—On

the evening of September 17, at the Elks Lodge in Anaheim, the annual apprenticeship completion ceremony was held. This event is sponsored by the Labor-Management Round Table of the Orange County Joint Apprenticeship Committees. Thanks to Brother Ferguson and his influence, your scribe and Mrs. Klaus were in attendance.

Those present were dined on a luscious serving of choice roast beef and all the trimmings. Music and professional dancing added zest to the early part of the program.

There were many notables present including those from labor, management, government, and the school systems. C. M. Featherly, Orange County Supervisor, was master of ceremonies.

Two important speeches were delivered. The "History of Learning a Trade" was the topic of the speaker representing the Southern California Building Trades Council, speaking in behalf of labor. Management expounded the philosophy of "Individual Achievement Through Service."

Next in importance to presentation of diplomas to the graduating apprentices, was the ceremony of Meritorious Service Awards. These awards bear the signature of California's former Governor, Earl Warren, and attest to his recognition of the special services rendered in making California's apprenticeship program the finest in the nation. Three members of the electrical trade were among the 13 recipients. They were C. M. Gilbert of Gilbert and Stearns Electric; I. W. MacFarlane of MacFarlane Electric; and our own Harry J. Becker.

The graduating apprentices were representative of such trades as plumbing, meat cutting, painting, plastering, sheet metal, etc., and electrical. Of course we were thrilled at the achievement of all of these new journeymen as they were called to receive their diplomas. But there was an extra sentimental attachment fastened to our own Local 441 Brothers. Archie J. Mooney, chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, warmly and inspirationally presented the certificates of graduation.

35th Anniversary of Local 400



The main table of the evening's festivities commemorating the 35th anniversary of Local 400, Asbury Park, N. J. Identifications are made in the press secretary's letter.

Graduating Apprentices Honored

The question of whether or not Local 441 should have a building fund for a home of its own has at last been resolved. The "ayes" did it. But only by the narrow margin of 5 votes.

The repeated solicitations of Dick "Pinchpenny" Klaus to defeat the motion met with silent reproach and dismal refute when Earl Enlow took the floor.

The voluble overtures of that sagacious oracle from the great state of Alabama literally mesmerized the listeners into capitulation. His captivating charm and eloquent appeal were truly that of a master. This was his finest hour. These were his simple words, "Dick Klaus," he said, his voice choking with humility and emotion, "Dick Klaus, if'n yoo all are afeared of the twalve dolluh assessment, ah'll pay it fo yoo mah-self."

Seriously though fellows, we enjoyed every word of it. And we suspect that Earl did too. If nothing else was proven, at least it was demonstrated that in the rules of democratic speech there is room for repartee.

But there is more to democracy than rules. Democracy thrives on the free exchange of ideas and IDEALS. Ideals are things of the mind that make men feel their kinship with one another. Our greatest ideal is the brotherhood of man. Let us never forget that.

So when we have fought hard for something in which we believe and find ourselves in a minority, it then becomes our sacred duty to fight just as hard, or even harder, to preserve the will of the majority. Therefore, now we should resolve our differences and put the whole of our moral and financial support behind the building fund. Let's make it a big success.

DICK KLAUS, P. S.

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"Pic-Out" Staged by New Jersey Local

L. U. 456, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—This is the first report from this local in quite some time. Your new scribe hopes that he will be faithful to his job, if nothing else.

Saturday, September 12th, was the occasion for our annual "Pic-Out" at Patrick's Grove. A "Pic-Out" is a combination picnic and blow-out. Several members were conspicuous by their absence. A few had to work, some others have a picnic everyday, and as for the rest, sometimes you just can't make the little woman listen to reason. Anyhow, we had a grand time and the food was excellent, right down to the last steak. A vote of thanks to Brother Henry Englehardt and his committee.

A new slate of officers has recently been elected and installed as follows: President Joseph Schultz, Vice-Presi-



The graduating apprentices of Local 441, Santa Ana, Calif.. Back row, left to right: Brothers Middlebrook and Mattson (instructors). Apprentices: Carl W. Parker, Robert L. Swanson, Robert L. Trusty, Merle S. Simms, Jr., W. A. Ferguson (business manager), and Edward E. Thomas, Jr. Front row: William A. Goodrich, Jr., Robert L. Bent, James R. Killbrew, and Johnnie F. Graves.

dent Richard Buckalew, Recording Secretary Joseph Marchitto, Jr., Financial Secretary Esmund Jones, Treasurer Michael Wasserman. Examining Board: Edward Buckalew, Sr., Boyd Baker, and Earl Lohr. Executive Board: Frank Marchitto, chairman, Eugene Reilly, Jacob McSeaman, Ralph Gillis, Joseph Hussey and Fred Kemp. Convention Delegate: Thomas Eagan.

At the blow-out, plans were discussed for an affair in honor of the older members of the local, those with 25 or more years of service. Monthly meetings are still being held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at St. Stephen's Hall on Somerset Street.

A high attendance at union meetings is indicative of a strong union. While attendance has been fairly good, there is room for improvement and also room for the fellows that don't show up very regularly. It seems that some seldom miss and others seldom make it. See you at the meeting.

EUGENE McLAUGHLIN, P. S.

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New Administration In San Diego Local

L. U. 465, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—After a long absence, here is 465 again. We'll be without the skilled pen of Brother Les Benson, so long our outstanding press secretary, Brothers, so you will have to put up with whatever we can offer. Brother Benson is back with the San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and his

skillfully written reports on the doings of our local will be missed.

There has been a new administration installed, and, belatedly, here is the run-down: Brother W. C. Casey, line-crew foreman for the utility, was reelected president. Brother Frank Borton, of the Transit Company, is vice president. Our recording secretary, Brother R. H. Williams, is from the Gas Company. Our worthy treasurer, Brother C. W. Hudson, is from the Transit property. My able assistant and partner is Brother Leonard Coxon, lineman-cable splicer, up for air out of the Gasco manholes, and I latched onto him for the good of the union. The new business manager-financial secretary is the writer, Vernon Hughes, from the Gasco System Power Dispatcher's office.

Our Executive Board consists of Brothers Raymond W. McBride; E. E. Whaling; W. C. Comer; P. T. Bucknell; Ed Sulek; H. C. McMillin; William G. Brown, and George P. Daigle.

We have been in office for over two months now, and it is with the greatest sense of pride that I can announce to all the members of the local that each member of the office and of the Board are working in the closest harmony, pulling together as a unified team, working for the common good. With such an example before us, we can face whatever uncertainties the political and economic future may bring.

And those uncertainties are just around the corner, Brothers. It surely is high time that we of organized labor realized the meaning of organization and brotherhood, and tightened

our belts for the long haul ahead. There are powerful, insidious forces pitted against us; forces that have at their hand all the newspapers and means of communication. Their work is seen in the doings in State and Federal Legislatures. It is up to us to take a firm stand and to defend that which has been made ours by our efforts and the efforts of those worthy predecessors in the Brotherhood. Let us heed the warnings of our leaders. Let us consider carefully the records of those for whom we vote, and, be quick to resent any attack on labor.

VERNON W. HUGHES, B. M.

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Upsets Featured in Beaumont Elections

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEXAS—After so long a time and many moons have passed, the great spirit has moved and having moved begins to write this report that all have been waiting so long for.

Your reporter has been working out of town in other jurisdictions as well as our own, and has been on a trip to New York to see his eldest son graduate from college, which makes it difficult to catch up on the news and write this column for you.

Brothers, we have made history in our local union and here is a summary of the elections and upsets that our candidates have experienced.

June 20, 1953—For president: Glenn Holst, 107; W. A. Guillory, 107. Vice-president: J. V. McNabb, 210. Treasurer: N. G. Young, 118; Lester Henderson, 92. Recording secretary: W. A. Domingue, Jr., 146; F. R. Gabbert, 65. Business manager and financial secretary: V. R. Holst, 88; T. Jim Davis, 71; Bobby Daily, Jr., 55.

Those elected on the Executive Board were: Roy Gibbs, R. F. Ford, L. D. Birdwell, F. E. Mack, Cranford Campbell, W. A. Domingue, Sr., John Buehler.

Examining Board: James Wheat, R. H. Lyle, Jr., C. D. Bennett, Joe Emerson, "Slim" Stewart.

In the runoff election of June 27, 1953—President: Glenn Holst, 143; W. A. Guillory, 118.

Business manager and financial secretary: V. R. Holst, 131; T. Jim Davis, 131.

The second run-off election of July 11, 1953 for the place of business manager and financial secretary resulted in the election of T. Jim Davis, with a difference of seven votes over his opponent, V. R. Holst. There was a big turn out for this election, over 300 votes cast. It was a horse race until Vernon was nosed out by T. Jim.

Sentiment was very strong for a change in the administration and so the various elections held showed the will of the members of the local and

their choice of officers for the next two years.

On the night of installation of officers, Brother Vernon Holst asked the Brothers to unite and form a more cooperative unified body and lay aside all personal feelings and go forward together and give the new business manager their full backing.

Brother Ed Wheat, retiring president, was presented with a wrist watch as a memento of appreciation for his fine services rendered the local union during his term of office.

We have been successful in obtaining a raise of .125 cents for journeyman wiremen and journeyman linemen in our contract negotiations. We receive a doubletime rate for noon hour work on construction. We receive a high-time rate for work done over 100 feet.

We are happy to announce the birth of a son, James Rogers Droke, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, May 9th, 1953, to Brother and Sister J. J. Droke at Nederland, Texas. Congratulations and best wishes, you-all! ! !

Brother Harvey Dickson was injured in a fall and sustained a broken hip and other injuries. He will be confined to his home for about 12 weeks or more. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Harvey!

Brother Horace Posey suffered flash burns at the Pure Oil Refinery recently and is confined to his home. Here's hoping to see you on the job soon, Horace!

Brother Vernon Holst is out of the hospital and is recuperating from an operation. Brother Vernon had a pretty close call, but is now up and around and looks the picture of health. Best wishes and regards for a speedy recovery, Vernon!

Brother Herring suffered a broken toe as a result of a reel of cable passing over his foot accidentally. Don't try any toe dancing for a while yet, Brother Herring. Here is hoping that you are back on the job soon.

Brother C. C. Lowery of Lufkin fell through a hole in the floor of a residence he was working on and sustained a broken foot. Best wishes for a rapid recovery, Brother Lowery.

Let us pause at this moment and give thanks, for it is the season of the year for special Thanksgiving Day thoughts.

DENNIS O. CANNON, P. S.

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Labor Wins 100% Board Recognition

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—Well, people, believe it or not the 1953 City Commissioners campaign has come to a close, with the election of last week. Labor candidates rode high, wide and handsome over the field. So high and wide indeed, that the only one that was in a runoff

came so close to a majority that the guy threw in the sponge and withdrew from the runoff. So now for the first time in the long and honorable history of dear old Mobile, labor is represented 100 per cent on the commission. It is a three man commission.

Well, the inevitable has happened. The Secretary of Labor in President Eisenhower's cabinet has left his job. What else can you expect? After the President's failing to carry out his promises to his Labor Secretary, what else could Mr. Durkin do? Only what any honorable man would do; give it back to him and go home. Now let them sweat blood trying to find a man of his caliber and honesty to take his place. It will be interesting to watch just how the trick is accomplished and who the man will be. This brings to mind a song that was popular many (and I mean many) years ago and that you hear hummed now once in a great while by some old timer. "When you get a good man you got to treat him right." That isn't going back too far, is it?

I am very glad to see the carpenters back into the A. F. of L. fold. I would like to comment on this but I guess that that is beyond the intent and purpose of "Local Lines."

Things around old L. U. 505 are hitting it in high. Work is holding up. Everybody is working who wants to work and the bench is clear. Brother "Pop" Turner who is custodian of the building says that things are mighty quiet and lonesome around the hall these days. There is nobody to talk and spat with, so he has to trek to town very often to get some excitement these days.

Before I close let me quote you something I ran across in my reading last week. Something that we could use with great success on our fellow-man. I quote:

"The Value of A Smile:

"It costs nothing, but creates much. "It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who gave it.

"It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

"None are so rich that they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

"It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business, and is the countersign of friends.

"It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble.

"Yet it cannot be bought, begged or borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is not a bit of earthly good to anybody until it is given away."

PERCY E. JOHNSON, P. S.

Local 508 Proudly Cites Apprentices

L. U. 508, SAVANNAH, GA.—It has been quite a while since an article from Local 508 has appeared in the JOURNAL. I really have a justified excuse as I had my last article ready for mailing when it was destroyed. On June 29th at noon my family had the tragic experience of helplessly watching fire destroy our home. I am happy to report that we have already rebuilt and are now beginning to get settled. So, I can get back to writing articles for this most interesting magazine.

Local Union 508 is proud to report the acceptance of 25 apprentices who have faithfully attended the apprenticeship training program for one or more years, and as seen through the eyes of this press secretary, we older members will some day feel mighty proud of these new members. *(I know that International Secretary Milne likes to hear about this.)*

Brother W. T. Alexander has returned to work after several serious operations. A pat on the back and good luck to you Alex! Brother R. A. Ellis resigned as recording secretary and the post is now manned by Brother Al Oldiges who is doing a bang-up job.

A word or two about our Benefit Fund. This plan was brought to the floor by Brother S. A. Sullivan. After several months of debating and legal details we are proud to announce this fund has been in effect since September 1, 1953. For \$2.50 per month each member has a protection that is to the extent of \$50.00 per week for sickness up to 10 weeks and

\$10.00 per day for hospital expenses. It also carries a death benefit. This is a fine benefit fund, Brothers, so your old press secretary is urging you to join. Our fund is handled entirely by Local Union 508 members.

I am sorry to report the death of one of our well-beloved members, Brother D. L. Zipperer, Sr., who was killed accidentally while at work.

Our annual battle, the old negotiation battle, has come to a close with the Local Union coming out on top. The scale now is \$2.75 per hour. A tip of the hat to the committee because this year they really had a rough time.

I would like to report a little further concerning the negotiations. The journeymen receive \$2.75 per hour, with foremen receiving 30 cents per hour above the journeyman rate and the general foreman 30 cents per hour above the foreman rate.

For every eight foremen employed, a general foreman must be designated. The foremen are allowed to work only eight journeymen. This helps to give some of our Brothers a little more chance to be made foremen.

We also receive \$3.00 per day travel time after a radius of 25 miles from the city. There are quite a few changes made that I do not have the space to enumerate. The changes that I am thinking of were presented to the membership by Business Manager Counihan and Financial Secretary Bray. We are all in hopes that these Brothers will keep up the good work which results in the good progress our local has made since Bill and Mike have been running our affairs.

Financial Secretary Bray and Business Manager Counihan made a very

nice and interesting report covering the entire business of the Fifth District Progress meeting held in Gulfport, Miss.

D. L. CANADY, P. S.

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Members Employed on Giant Walking Dragline

L. U. 520, AUSTIN, TEXAS—Hello! from Austin, Texas, the friendly city where Local 520's future is progressing with the start of our new building that was reported in the September JOURNAL.

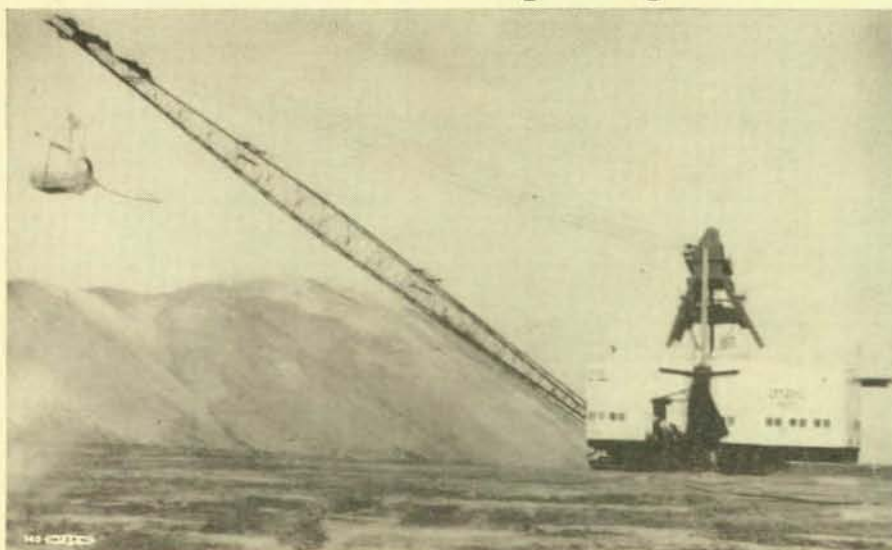
It has been called to my attention that some of the members from Local 520 had the opportunity to work on what is believed to be the largest walking dragline in the world according to officials of Marion Power and Shovel Company of Marion, Ohio, which was built for Alcoa Aluminum Plant in Rockdale, Texas.

From ground to top of mast is 69 feet and 4 inches, its boom length is 220 feet, the bucket size is 35 cubic yards and it has a dumping height of 78 feet with a digging depth of 170 feet. It has a driving motor of 2200 hp fed by a 4000-volt drag cable. The D.C. motor totals approximately 2365 hp.

Two generator sets are driven by synchronous motors. One main generator set consists of the driving motor, a hoist generator, a drag generator, a swing generator and the main exciter. The other unit consists of a driving motor, a hoist generator, a drag generator and two swing generators.

Working weight of dragline including ballast and bucket is 3,155,000

Walking Dragline in Austin



The walking dragline seen at left is thought to be the world's largest by the members of Local 520 who service it electrically. These men, as shown at right in front are: Mr. Court, electrical supervisor; Wesley Collier, foreman. Left to right, standing: M. T. Ferrell, Earnest Williamson and Roy Wykes. Two other Local 520 members not shown in the picture also worked on the dragline: Carl Riske and T. L. Frazier.

Pioneer Lighting in Danbury



These members of Local 525, Danbury, Conn., and of several neighboring locals installed the first luminous ceiling lighting in that area. Below, at left, is a section of the unfinished ceiling and, at right, is the completed job.



pounds. The cost of the machine is over a million dollars.

The purpose of such a large machine is used to remove dirt from the top of the coal veins and smaller shovels go down in the channel where dirt has been removed to load the coal.

Electric work was done by Grimes Electric Company of Austin and members of Local 520.

In the September JOURNAL, I mentioned a 50-50-chance of a raise. It seems we had more, for we received a 12½ cent raise okayed by the Council on Industrial Relations, and the contractors abided by their decision.

The work around these parts is good and the weather is still warm. A wide building program is beginning all over again. The letting of the St. David's

Hospital, September 24th, was over a million dollars and next month the bids will go in for the 3 million-dollar addition of the Brackenridge Hospital. Other projects are being studied and are in the planning stage.

Our most outstanding apprentice elected by the apprentices and Apprenticeship Board was Don Parker who attended the apprentices convention in Ft. Worth along with other apprentices around the country. The apprentice program is one of the most outstanding achievements of our days. It has proven itself here in Local 520 in the past four years by making much better mechanics for the future. Let's all help our apprentices, for someday they may help you!

NOBLE A. SIMPSON, P. S.

Luminous Lighting New to Conn. Area

L. U. 525, DANBURY, CONN.—Again Local 525 of Danbury, Connecticut, once the hatting center of the world, and now fast becoming another industrial city of Connecticut, is glad to write the JOURNAL and pass a few words of interest to all.

We are at present wiring Davis and Geck Inc., one of American Cyanamid's new plants. Along with the enormous amount of electrical work, this new plant contains a type of luminous ceiling lighting, new to this and surrounding areas. It is manufactured in a union shop by Luminous Ceiling Inc., of Chicago, called the

Enter Float in Sheffield Parade



Local 558, Sheffield, Ala., had a fine float entry for the city's Labor Day parade thanks to the efforts of these members. And below is a closeup of their handiwork.

Acusti-Luminous Ceiling. It covers over 50,000 square feet throughout almost the entire building.

It is interesting to note that each of the operations involved in the installation, the wiring, fixture mounting, track and Acusti-Louver hanging and even insertion of the Lumi-Plastic diffuser, were all handled by the electrician.

As we see it, this luminous ceiling spells a new opportunity for the electrician. It is just one more new phase in our fast-growing and interesting trade.

Enclosed are some photos taken of the job, one of the unfinished and finished ceiling, and one of the Brothers of this and surrounding locals.

We sincerely hope that more of our Brothers will benefit by this new type of lighting construction and wish to express our profound thanks to the Brothers of surrounding locals who helped us man the job in our rush period.

Here's hoping all our brother locals are as busy as we are and lots of good luck to all.

FRANCIS J. BIGHAM, President.

Local 527 Shocked By Officer's Death

L. U. 527, GALVESTON, TEXAS—This month's report finds Local 527 and the rest of the entire Seventh District, I.B.E.W., shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of our beloved International Vice-President, Brother W. L. Ingram. The Brotherhood has lost an admired, respected and capable leader, and we join our Brothers in expressing our sympathies to Mrs. Ingram. May his soul rest in peace with God.

Our annual round of contract negotiations has run its course. We completed our construction contract with N.E.C.A. with a 12½ cent raise and some adjustments in our appren-



tice rates. Our journeyman scale is now \$2.875. In the maintenance field we completed contracts with Tin Processing Corporation, Carbide and Carbon Chemical and Texas City Refining Company. All these contracts provided for four percent or 10-cent wage increases and some various condition changes that left the new contract a little improved over the old. Monsanto Chemical Company is the only one left and they have refused our request to open on wages at this time.

At this time we find ourselves much nearer to realization of our welfare benefits. The tentative effective date is November 14th, and the task of encompassing the desired benefits into one whole plan is well under way. It may be imagination, but it certainly does seem like our membership has had more need for such benefits recently than ever before.

The work situation picture here in our jurisdiction at this time is some-

what dimmed. We find our waterfront activities slowed considerably, with a consequent drop in all business fields.

Our construction field has held up well, even in spite of other craft strikes that are of long duration. We are topping out on several smaller jobs and are over the hump on others. We expect something worthwhile to take root, but have no positive indication of how soon this will happen.

LEE O. SCHELIN, B. M.

Hold One of Area's Largest Labor Parades

L. U. 558, SHEFFIELD, ALA.—Now that your ole scribe is back in town, I'll lift the pen and endeavor to enlighten the Brethren, and especially those who are still out of town, concerning our Labor Day parade. Boys, we had one of the largest Labor Day parades ever in the Tri-Cities history.

Personally, I want to compliment you fellows who participated and flew your colors. It proved to those who opposed labor just how strong we are. All of the organizations of the Tri-Cities Central Labor body were well represented and as I drove along, I recognized many onlookers who should have been in the line. The parade began at Florence and ended at Tusculumbia Springs with a tremendous barbecue followed by a program from some outstanding speakers.

The Honorable Senator John J. Sparkman, who is indeed a friend to labor and T.V.A., gave us a nice lecture that gave us a good spirit of unionism. Mr. Barnett, secretary and treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, also delivered a good speech.

Enclosed you will find a picture of our float. You will recognize many of the faces. Your scribe will not attempt to name them. Also pictured a \$100.00 prize given by the Central is the float of Decatur unit which won Labor Union. Congratulations, boys! I'm impressed with the sign on the Decatur float, "Cheapest power on earth, union made." Your ole scribe being a tramp, I can vouch for that.

Fellows, in my last article, I mentioned about the "Right-to-Work" bill our State Government was about to pass. Well, neighbor, it passed and a number of us Alabamians have got our bristles up and growling loud. Anyway, the low-down, back-biting, conniving, stinking thing known as Bill Number 22 was enacted and made law in the state of Alabama. A number of unpleasant things could be said. To you who have no labor laws in your home state, be on your P's and Q's and thank heaven. From where I sit, we had all better put on the uniform and the helmet and become shod with brotherly kindness and love, in order to combat the force that plans to undermine our cause for the progress of labor.

And remember our business agent is our labor representative and bargaining agent. He is paid to represent us and all our jobs come through him and by him and no soliciting! Could it ever be said that any member of 558 is guilty? First, it is contrary to the bylaws. Second, management and big business might get the idea of how many are on the bench, and they could hire any number at any price and any condition. While it is day, let's work and arouse ourselves from such sleepy ideas—"dog eat dog" ideas. The Brother who is out of town doesn't have a chance to match his competition at the trade. It's possible he's a good mechanic by now. Take notice, management, there are a number of good union mechanics who look to our business agent for employment. Speaking of business agents, our new business agent is doing a splendid job,

along with a number of other new officers.

Wage negotiations got under way at the T.V.A. panel board September 19 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. It looks promising, but not as of yet.

The work in this area, boys, has climbed a little. We placed a few men on the Colbert Steam Plant and hope to place more around December or January. A few of the boys came home and were placed at Decatur on the refrigeration job. Yet a number have had to leave town. Boys, we're hoping something will soon break and we can all be home again. So in closing I leave this food for thought: "Our eyes are placed in front, because it is more important to look ahead than behind."

G. O. ALLEN, P. S.



Brother Howard Hurd of Local 567, Portland, Me., and his son, Donley, with two of his fine horses.

Portland Member As Horse Breeder

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, ME. — This month as there doesn't seem to be any outstanding news from our very busy local, I would like to take the opportunity to write a thumbnail sketch of one of our boys, who is using his spare time to fulfill a lifelong ambition. Howard Hurd with his wife and five swell children, live just outside Portland, and it is there that he is putting his efforts into raising "Morgan" horses, "the Pride and Product of America."

As a boy Howard had a half Morgan, called "Peanut," and this horse instilled in him his love of horses. In October 1945 he purchased a three-year-old Morgan, name "Conscience," a promising chestnut filly.

That first winter Howard got acquainted with "Connie," patiently teaching her the feel of a saddle, to know the reins, to stand quietly, etc. By the fall of 1946 "Connie" was ready to be shown, and did well, as a four-year-old, taking ribbons.

In July, Howard, now interested in raising a foal, took "Connie" to the University of New Hampshire to be bred to Melysses. After 11 months of anxious waiting, in July 1949, Connie rewarded Howard for his wonderful care and attention, with a healthy, long-legged foal, later registered as "Cocoa."

After such good fortune, Howard decided to try again and in May 1950 a full sister, "Corvette," was foaled.

Soon he was ready to try again with a new sire, name Lippitt Ethan Don, a very clever horse. In May 1951 "Don Croyden" arrived and grew so rapidly Howard decided to sell "Corvette" to make room for the new stallion. This summer Howard has trained him to drive and he learns quickly.

Howard enjoys being with his horses, working or playing, and is always eager to show them. They have rewarded him with many ribbons that attest to his patience, kindness and skill. Howard is just one of our many boys that have turned a hobby into something really worthwhile and the whole local wishes him luck.

Incidentally, Howard, a former schoolteacher, is one of our instructors in our apprenticeship school and his presence has attributed much to the school's success.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, P. S.

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Win Boost Despite United Opposition

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUEBEC — Effective November 1st the inside wiremen of this local union will be granted an extra five cents per hour through the collective agreement signed by your Negotiating Committee with the Corporation of Master Electricians of the Province of Quebec, Montreal District, on May 14, 1953. However it must be pointed out that our employers are becoming more and more united each year in their opposition to demands from our membership.

It would be foolish for us to assume that we can continue to be successful in obtaining increases in wages year after year as we have been doing for the past five or six years. Through my personal experience in negotiations, I find that the employers do not pay too much attention any more to the cost-of-living index since it is showing signs of levelling off in the near future. However, one of the most important ar-

guments in our favor is the quality of labor offered in return for better compensation.

We cannot feel secure in our numerical strength only, but we must realize that in a competitive industry like ours any employer must have confidence in his employees and that is reason enough for every one of us to do his best to keep up with the times and take advantage of every possible opportunity to learn and better ourselves in the trade.

Although five cents may not be considered a substantial increase, it is nevertheless an increase, and it is about time that our membership realized that raises do not come automatically every time we meet our employers to discuss our agreement. The employers' united front apparent in the past negotiations, is designed not only to keep our gains at a minimum, but also to make our union a weak and ineffective factor. The preservation of our bargaining strength depends on our building a larger and stronger union made up of more and more competent men in the trade.

This local union takes pleasure in wishing Local 353 of Toronto all the very best on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary on October 17. It has shown a true spirit of brotherhood by employing many of our Brothers in its jurisdiction in our slack periods. This local union has delegated Brothers A. Bastien, president, and W. Chartier, business manager to represent us at their Golden Jubilee Celebration in Toronto.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P. S.

Donate Prize for Fishing Derby

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Labor day was observed quietly here as most everyone was out of town due to the long weekend. However the Tulsa Trades Council sponsored a picnic at the Lakeview Amusement Park, which enjoyed an attendance of over 2,500. There were free soft drinks for everyone and free rides for the children.

Every year at this time the Izaak Walton League sponsors a fishing derby for the kids around here. The derby is held at Lake Yahola, our city water reservoir, where the kids line up around the lake and at a given signal they all drop their hooks in the water and begin to fish. Prizes are given for the first, second, third and so on fish caught. The local donated a rod and reel as one of the prizes this year.

Brother Orin Williams who was on hand during the derby, states that although our rod was given as fifth prize he believes it was won by the most deserving of the winners. This prize was won by Dewain Babb who thought he would be unable to go,

when at the last moment he caught a ride with a neighbor. Dewain caught the fifth fish on an 18 inch pine board with a piece of heavy thread.

The fifth annual Southern States Apprenticeship Conference at Fort Worth was attended by Brothers George Lively, Harold Roberts and Jack Money.

Horace Strader and Jack Whitner attended for the N.E.C.A. L. T. (Les) Allen had planned to attend but was ill at the time.

Brother Harold Roberts reports that the great success of the conference acted like a shot in the arm for him as it renewed his interest and gave him many new ideas to work with in the following year. Brother Roberts states that it was pleasing to note the interest contractors took in



Dewain Babb, who won the rod and reel donated by Local 584 at the kid's fishing derby at Tulsa, Okla.

this meeting and showed they were just as interested in apprenticeship as we were.

Brother George Turner, a real old timer here, has been ill but is now up and residing at 3322 West Broadway, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Brothers knowing and remembering him could write him at this address and I am sure he would be most happy to hear from you.

It is with sadness we note the death of our International Vice President W. L. Ingram at Phoenix, Arizona. Brother George Shaul our business agent was our representative to convey our sympathy and attend the funeral.

This year as summer dies so dies our work. We have about 40 members idle but a number of jobs just starting.

BOB DOOLEY, P. S.

150 Attend Picnic Of Danville Local

L. U. 597, DANVILLE, ILL.—At our last meeting, Local 597 voted to have the details of our recent annual picnic published in THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL.

On August 15, 1953 the members, families and friends of Local 597 held their annual picnic. The event was held at Kickapoo State Park, about seven miles west of Danville. This park is one of Illinois' largest and prettiest state parks covering approximately 2,500 wooded acres.

The members gathered about 10 a.m. and were served a delicious deep fried chicken dinner prepared on the spot by the food committee, consisting of Earl Dudley, chairman, Wayne Hulse, Lawrence Richards and Kenneth Kost. The wives of the members furnished such hard-to-buy items as salads, pies and cake.

Following dinner the adults were entertained with a baseball game (in which both men and women played), following which there were horse-shoes, bingo, canasta, poker, hiking and fishing.

The children and younger guests were kept busy at a series of booths in which various games of skill were employed. In one they tossed large hoops at a real barnyard scarecrow, another was a balloon-bust at which they threw darts at inflated balloons. Another interesting booth was a pitch to win game at which the participants tossed ping pong balls into glass jars containing colored liquids. A penny pitch and a spill the milk bottle game were also featured. In all of these the winners received play money and at the end of the day the four holding the most money were paid cash prizes. Another game that paid a prize was guessing the number of feet in a huge roll of masking tape.

The Entertainment Committee was composed of Brothers John R. Thompson, chairman, J. Ferd Frost, Jerry Foreman, and Paul Hendrickson.

Other committees which should be mentioned were the Grounds Committee, composed of John Pibbe, chairman, Paul Palusko, J. Swank and Harold Wright; Sound Committee, Al Poggendorf, chairman, Clifford Reed and Roy Linn, Jr.; and last but not least, Refreshment Committee, Al Risser, chairman, Henry Mosher, Paul Hussman and William Champlin.

For supper the committee served fried hamburgers and french fries.

Approximately 150 attended the picnic. The picnics are unique in the fact that all the members like to take an active part. It is quite a sight to see the food committee and their wives killing and preparing the chicken the night before the picnic in Brother Hulse's basement. This year the various shop foremen as well as

Danville Local's Annual Picnic



At left and center are the members of the food committee for the annual picnic of Local 597, Danville, Ill. In first picture are Brothers Kost, Richards, Dudley and Hulse. In second are Mrs. Ferd Frost, C. Reed, Ferd Frost, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. W. Hulse, Earl Dudley, Mrs. Dudley, and W. Bormann. At right is a view of the dinner.

the shop superintendent and master mechanic attended and all had a fine time.

J. FERD FROST, R. S.

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Local's Float Wins Honorable Mention

L. U. 601, CHAMPAIGN AND URBANA, ILL.—And by and by, it comes time to write again. In fact, a bit past time. Last time, I told you I'd talk about new officers and give you a little dope on our Fourth of July float. First things first, so we'll talk to you about the float.

After exploding into first place last year it was almost necessary to enter again this year. And so it was, we built again. We built a silver jet mounting the skyways through a white cloud. In the shadow of the swept-back wings sat four young patriots dressed as Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Corps flying officers, sharp in their respective uniforms

and flanked on either side by Old Glory (small size too). It created an impressive picture and we were sure of first money again this year. The judges evidently didn't think so, and respectfully, along with three other beautiful floats, we were given a trophy for honorable mention. We're just as proud of this trophy as if it were a first.

Because there were so many fellows who helped build our float and since I could not be with it every night to know all their names, rather than leave someone out I'll not mention any names except those of the committee. They were Dale Hubert, Howard McIntosh and myself. I do, however, wish to thank all the fellows for all they did and hope they'll help again next year.

I had hoped to get a picture of our officers but I haven't had the opportunity. Rather than put it off any longer, I'll just tell you about them.

They are President Dick Hensler, Business Manager Harold Vaughn,

Financial Secretary R. B. McNattin, Vice President Richard McNattin, Recording Secretary Ross Brown, Treasurer Harold Glick. Executive Board: Roscoe Kirby, Dale Hubert, Jim Allen, Earl Schweighart and Glenn White. Executive Board members are Carl Waugh, Dick Hammer-smith and Mick McFarlin.

R. W. KIRBY, P. S.

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Announce a New Miss. Addition

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS. — A bouncing boy weighing seven pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. V. Rawls of Collins, Mississippi, September 5, 1953. The cigars were delivered promptly and the newcomer has been named "Richard Raymond Rawls." The above Brother has been a member of our local union since 1947 and is now a journeyman lineman. So, we offer our congratulations and remind the papa—don't forget to add him to your income tax deducts.

We are enclosing some snapshots. One is of Bill Gibson and B. Johnson, taken in front of the local union office. Johnson, apprentice lineman is rated among the best that the local has in his category and Gibson who had supervised a distribution crew in the Grenada-Winona area for quite a long time now, is an old timer and rated among our best line foremen.

The other snapshots are taken from the Cleveland-Greenwood-Winona Hi-Line job and display members of, and work being done by V. H. Barfield's crew. One picture shows work being completed on the installation of shield wire including wooden bayonets seen atop the two center poles. Two circuits, 13 K. V., and two 110 K. V. and all hot made this a very tedious job to be conservative. View No. 2 shows the crew alongside their line truck.

View No. 3 is the Yazoo River crossing of the Cleveland-Greenwood Hi-Line. This H Structure as seen, is 105

Local 601's Parade Entry



This handsome float was entered by Local 601, Champaign and Urbana, Ill., in the annual Labor Day parade and took honorable mention.

Scenes of Jackson, Miss., Members



Brother B. Gibson and B. Johnson of Local 605 in front of the local's offices.

feet high with two-double poles up to the splice and two-singles on to the top, or six poles all told. This particular crew is installing hardware cloth and cleaning up the line. These boys have done some very nice work under the supervision of our very apt Brother Barfield who is a veteran of many years in our trade and union. We understand however that the above river crossing structure was originally framed and set by another crew under the supervision of our Brother N. A. Pack. It is, we think, definitely a symbol of skill and good workmanship.

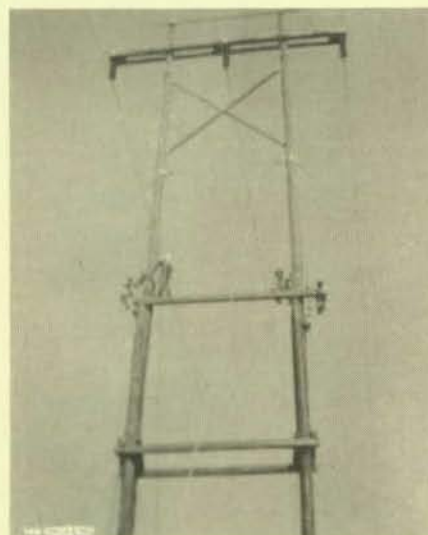
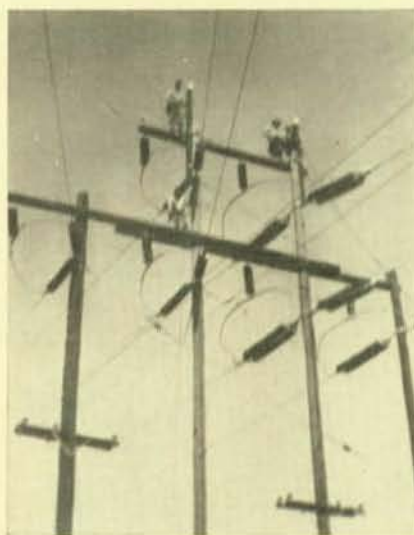
You had better watch out: "When you feel your oats and corn at the same time, when it takes you just half as long to get tired as it does to get rested, when you prefer not to have a good time than to have to get over it, when your wife tells you to pull in your stomach after you have already done so, when you pay more attention to your food than to the waitress, when you stop hoping for the best and try to avoid the worst, when you look to see if your garter is dragging when a girl takes a second look at you, when your idea of getting ahead is trying to stay even, and you think in terms of pension rather than passion, you are slipping brother, you are slipping."

J. W. RUSSELL, P. S.

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A hi-line crew of Local 605, Jackson, Miss. Left to right, standing: Cecil Moore, E. R. Winters, C. E. Johnson, V. H. Barfield. Kneeling: E. E. Gammill, Earl Fortenberry, C. F. Goodnight, and Jack Deal.



Views of the Cleveland-Greenwood-Winona hi-line job. At left are Brothers C. F. Goodnight, E. R. Winters, E. E. Gammill, and Earl Fortenberry. At right, the same brothers at the Yazoo River crossing.

Local 654 - New Leaders, New Contract

L. U. 654, CHESTER, PA.—Local Union 654 elected the following officers in June to serve for the next two years: Linn N. Wheeler, president; William Simmons, vice president; John Thompson, recording secretary; Stanley Strzala, financial secretary; Andrew Olsen, treasurer; James L. Haslett, business manager. Executive Board: Lankford Austin, Philip del Prado, John Grasso, Fred Otten, Gerald Smith. Examining Board: Raymond Horne, Harry Medwid, Ralph Moore.

Our local union is now operating under our new agreement, effective as of September 1, 1953.

This agreement is our first that includes the establishment of a health, welfare, and vacation plan, paid for by the employer, along with an hourly increase in wages. The H.W.V. plan will go into operation as of January 1, 1954.

We believe that our members are in full accord with a plan of this type and are confident that committee action and recommendations will bring forth the foundation of greater future benefits along these lines. A start has been made, in fact a great stride

forward has taken place in cementing cordial relations between our contractors and the local union. It is by such close relationship, mutual understanding and respect, one for the other, that progress for all is made.

Our local union will celebrate its 15th birthday on February 23, 1954. Plans are underway to hold an anniversary banquet commemorating this event—an event that has changed the way of life of our members for the better. In our next letter to the JOURNAL we hope to be able to tell more fully of the banquet plans.

Among our young members in the armed services are William Lucke,

Jr., United States Navy, sailing the tropical seas off the coast of southern United States and Thomas Gardener, United States Navy, who plans to study electrical engineering after his hitch in the service. "More power to him."

To our many Brotherhood friends from other local unions, we send greetings, good health and prosperity.

JAMES A. DOUGHERTY, P. S.

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City Employing Non-Union Labor

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, ORE.—Time: A lovely Autumn evening.

Scene: One L. J. Way reclining in his favorite horizontal position, and musing upon the sheer luxury of doing nothing.

Upon this peaceful scene, there appears a wee image of "L. J." armed with a three-pronged spear, who with a devilish gleam in his eyes and an ugly smirk says, "Up! Up! Sluggard, there is work to be done! You have a letter to write."

"Scat, demon!" as if to brush aside a fly.

"Up, I say, you lazy lout!"

Grumpily, "There is no news."

"Up! Up and write!"

"Scram, you ugly little pest!" However, with sluggish effort, L. J. up rights himself, retrieves Augustus, his pen, and cursing the existence of a conscience begins.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Eugene in Oregon is a proud and beautiful city of some 35,000 inhabitants, and well may it be, for Eugene is the gateway to Southern Oregon's ever expanding empire of timber, agricultural, and dairy wealth. Through its warehouses flow the life blood of this great empire and in return it receives, and distributes much of the finished product, and its hungry industry absorbs many raw materials of this great area.

Eugene is beautiful, for its streets are spacious and clean, its homes are well groomed and lovely to behold. Eugene is beautiful as only a city in this Evergreen Empire can be. Eugene is the home of the University of Oregon, and is rightly proud of that institution of learning, of its beautiful campus and magnificent traditions. Eugene is proud of its sons and daughters who have won fame and fortune. Yes, Eugene is proud to be called Eugene, and yet upon the heads of its elected officials lies the stigma of employing non-union labor, for its municipal water and power systems are manned by non-union labor.

Now, it seems to me that this is equivalent to Whistler's mother with a black eye or Rita Hayworth with a Durante nose; it is indeed a blemish upon Eugene's name. L. U. 659 has

appealed to all union members in Eugene to patronize utilities manned by union labor, and may I, through this letter, appeal to you, Brothers and Sisters of the IBEW, to get in and pitch and remove this ugly scar from the beautiful face of Eugene, for after all, the city policies but reflect the voting sentiments of its citizens.

L. J. WAY, P. S.

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Local President Appoints Wage Survey Committee

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, N. Y.—With another wage survey in the offing, Brother Conrad Nestler, local union president, has formed a wage survey committee in order to be prepared to submit wage and economic data to the all-union Wage Survey Board when it is formed in this area.

Headed by Brother Joe Perry, Local 664's energetic and well-informed Law Committee chairman, the committee consists of the following Brother members: Eugene Maguire, former World War II head of the electrical shop, Bayonne, New Jersey annex; Business Manager John West and Henry Kellenberger.

Through this action of President Nestler, this committee will be "jumping the gun" so to speak, by having convincing sound facts and figures ready to present to the Wage Board when it goes into action. In turn, this data when presented to the Navy department is expected to override any objections that the Department may have to a substantial wage increase. With a reported cut-back in Federal employment between now and 1954 scheduled to take place, it is essential that wage increases be granted to all so employed before the end of this year regardless of the living costs. The necessity of this can readily be understood when one recalls to mind that fact that pay for vacation leave accumulated by Government workers acts as a buffer when these lay-offs take place. It is the Federal Government employee unemployment insurance since none are eligible for regular state unemployment insurance.

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THINGS TO COME . . . Look for a bill to be presented by local representatives and Senators at the next Congress for an amendment to Public Law 636, of August, 1950, which deals with vacation leave pay. It will be based on a resolution authorized by Brother Perry and sent to all government unions for the extension of full vacation leave rights and benefits to widows of Federal employees. This resolution, which will be printed here in full in the near future, reveals the fact that wives and families of "RIF-ed" employees who had more

than 30 days vacation leave pay coming to them should said employees die before using up all leave due, are not entitled to pay due, beyond the 30-day period. There is no provision in the present laws for this coverage.

PERSONALS . . . Brother Joe Maloney is recovering from serious head injuries sustained while working in Local 164's territory. A faulty-rigged cable hoist slipped knocking Joe off a six foot by six foot pull box on which he was standing, thirty-six feet above the ground to a platform. He was hospitalized for three days in St. Michael's hospital, Newark, New Jersey. Another Brother Electrical Worker, not a member of Local 664, was also injured painfully but not seriously. Send a get-well card to Mary West, wife of Business Manager John West bedded down with a chronic illness. Joan Sophia Solan, daughter of Treasurer Bill Solan, was one year old October 1st. Happy Birthday. SEASONAL SUPPLICATIONS. Give thanks to HIM that we labor in a free country under free labor and enterprise laws. Give thanks unto HIM for our freedom of speech, freedom from tyranny, freedom of religion and from oppression.

JOSEPH F. KRIKAWA, P. S.

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12½c an Hour Wage Boost in Richmond

L. U. 666, RICHMOND, VA.—Well it looks as if, in self defense, I'll have to put a few lines in the JOURNAL for L. U. 666. I have been appointed press secretary and every time I meet a Brother he asks, "When are you going to write something for the JOURNAL?" So, here are a few lines to get them off my neck.

I know that the members of L. U. 666 will be enjoying the new increase in pay by the time they read this. The electricians held the line in April when our contract came up, but after the other crafts received an increase we reopened the contract and received a 12½ cent per hour raise. Some of the Brothers say it isn't much, but every little bit helps out.

Things are pretty slow here at the present time, and it doesn't look as if it will be much better until about the first of the year.

Brothers, our new bylaws are back from the press. There are several changes in them, so get your copy and be familiar with it.

The president and I talked about a method that would give you Brothers a chance to leave any news you may have at a designated place so that I will be able to put it in the JOURNAL. We hope to have something worked out by the next meeting but until then leave any news to be put in the JOURNAL with John Ownes in the office and I will pick it up. I will be looking

forward to some interesting articles, so don't forget to be at the next meeting.

C. A. PENTECOST, P. S.

Member Introduces New Safety Measure

L. U. 675, ELIZABETH, N. J.—Robert R. Lackey, a journeyman electrician of Local 675, and police commissioner of Union, New Jersey, showed his civic interest by introducing a western idea for protection of pedestrians and school children.

The idea, which is that striped crosswalks make the proper place to cross more visible both to motorists and pedestrians, has been put into effect at Union Center. Although only in use a short time, these new crosswalks with crossbars have already proved effective. The plan is also to be put in use in the school area as one of several measures to protect school children.

Good work, Bob.

(Editor's Note: Sorry the news photo illustrating these crosswalks would not reproduce.)

GEORGE H. AARON, P. S.

Fruitless Meetings Held Near Collapse

L. U. 676, PENSACOLA, FLA.—Negotiations with St. Regis Paper Company have come to a successful close with a three and one-half percent wage increase and other benefits for our members who operate and maintain their plant in Cantonment, Florida. On the other hand, our negotiations for a new working contract with Gulf Power Company are dangerously near collapse after over seven months of fruitless meetings.

Our local's Vice President W. F. McDowell, has been elected vice president of the Southeastern System of the Utilities Council. Brother McDowell will prove himself well worthy of this honor if he serves this local union as well as he has served this local union in his present capacity.

We are justly proud of the safety record of the I.B.E.W. members supplied through this local on the Chemstrand Company's \$84,000,000 nylon plant under construction near here. In the past 18 months, we have worked over 400,000 manhours without a time-losing injury. Interstate Electric Company of Miami is the electrical contractor, while the construction division of the DuPont Company is the prime contractor. Although we do not always see eye to eye with the contractors on other points, we have nothing but praise and appreciation for the fine safety program they sponsor. A successful safety program must be actively en-

Awarded Long-Time Service Pins



Thirty-five year service pins were awarded to Brothers William C. Smith and Bert G. Tydeman, center, and a thirty year pin to Brother George D. Poole, left, by President W. E. Thrift of Local 677, Gatun, Canal Zone.

dorsed by management as well as labor. The fact that no electrician has lost a minute of pay due to injury in over 400,000 manhours of work, is ample proof that active participation by every one involved, pays handsome dividends.

J. C. OTTLEY, P. S.

Death Claims Canal Zone Business Agent

L. U. 677, GATUN, CANAL ZONE—It is with sorrow and regret that we announce the death of Brother John J. Tobin on June 28th, 1953, while on vacation in the States.

Brother Tobin was our business manager and had been working on Gatun Locks since 1941, his last position being control house operator. He was very active in labor organizations on the Canal Zone, having been chairman of the local's Executive Committee, labor representative of the Central Labor Union and Metal Trades Council; and Wage Board member. He was 47 years old and is survived by his wife and one son.

We have had several retirements from Government Service since the first of the year and badge of honor pins were presented. Thirty-five year pins were presented to Brother William C. Smith, chief control house operator who has been a member for 37 years; and to Brother Bert G. Tydeman, control house operator, a member for 38 years. Brother Tydeman has held about every office in Local 677 at one time or another. Brother George D. Poole, assistant superintendent of Gatun Locks was presented with a 30 year pin on the thirtieth anniversary of his initiation which was on the date of his retirement, September 4, 1953. Brother Harold P. Bevington, leadingman wireman of the Commissary Division was pre-

sented a 30 year pin. Bro. Irl R. Sanders, control house operator received a 15 year pin.

Brother William N. Nessler, chairman of our Executive Board for several years, has resigned and is returning to Minneapolis this month. He has been active in union work during his entire 13 years here in the Zone and will surely be missed; and we wish him luck.

Brother Howard Munro, legislative representative of Canal Zone Central Labor Union and Metal Trades Council and Local 677, has returned from Washington, D. C. after a lengthy stay. I will not attempt to cover his accomplishments for all of labor in the Canal Zones while in that city, however, we are grateful for the work he has done. We are glad to have him back with us and to have him fill Brother Tobin's unexpired term as business manager.

You Brothers and friends of 677 will be hearing again from us here at the "Crossroads of the World."

RALPH E. MALCOLM, P. S.

Attacks Apathy as Losing Hard-Won Gains

L. U. 696, BELLAIRE, OHIO—One of the finest Progress Meetings was held in Cleveland on September 18 and host locals 38, 39 and 1377 had a clean cut program, swell dinner and dancing which was a treat for a small local, for all work makes it very monotonous, and the few hours of relaxation provided for by some of our larger locals make the meetings enjoyable as well as worth while attending from the business point of view.

When are we going to wake up and protect the benefits derived during the prosperous years—protect the freedom that our forefathers fought and died for? Why are we, practically

the same delegates, the same leaders, the same business agents, pleading, nagging, telling, crying and even begging our membership to get on their toes, to become better union members, to become union minded, to inform our friends, relatives, the public, and our enemies that labor is not the so called "bogey" that the National Association of Manufacturers is leading the public to believe. Well we hate to be "I Told you So's," but not until our shoes are thin and there are patches on the seat of our pants, will some of our people wake up.

After a year of effort and meetings, the utility locals of the State of Ohio have finally formed their own group. The plans will be furthered at the next meeting and we hope that everything will be in readiness to present to our International Vice President Freeman for his blessing and advice. We are going to attempt to work out our problems, such as education, safety, equal place with other crafts, cooperation with other crafts, wages on the level of other crafts and training of personnel to cope with the legal battery of utilities.

We hope and pray that the delegates attending these group meetings will continue to have the enthusiasm, the foresight, and the faith required to stay with it until the goal has been reached.

JIM DE BLASIS, B. M.

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Invents New Tool For Hanging Fixtures

L. U. 714, MINOT, N. D.—Local Union 714 member, Brother Waldo "Shorty" Schoenwald, has come up with a tool that we feel is going to be one of the finest and handiest tools ever made for the electrician. It was about a year ago when "Shorty" was trimming a house that he decided that there should be some easier or simple tool that he could use for several purposes and yet be compact and rigid enough that it wouldn't be clumsy or awkward to handle. He went to work and came up with a combination screwdriver, needle-nose pliers, wire cutter, knife and in addition a simple but very effective method of bending the wire just right for inserting it under the screw head. "Shorty" feels and I fully agree with him that a workman can go into a house and completely trim and hang the fixtures with only this tool in his pocket. It is definitely a time saver just for the simple reason that with a flick of his thumb he can change it from the screwdriver to the needle-nose pliers, and the knife for skinning the insulation is handy at all times and yet in such a place that there isn't any possible way that he can cut himself with it. We feel that any time you save work and effort you

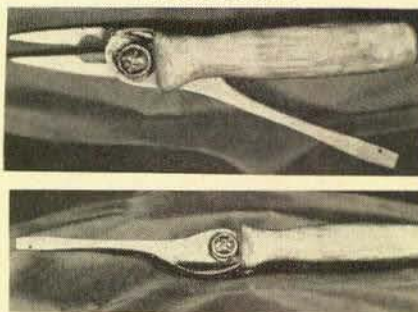
are saving time and by saving time you are increasing production, a very vital point to the electrical contractors and the electrical industry. "Shorty" says he worked a long time to figure out how he was going to get a locking system on it and when he ended up he certainly had a perfect locking device. The one thing that he was most proud of was that in either position the tool was rigid and didn't have the "flimsy" and wobbly feel of most combination tools. This is due to the fact that there is only one moving part and the unique locking device. "Shorty" told me about it not too long ago and while he explained it to me it sounded a little fantastic and was hard to believe, then the other evening he brought his working model for me to look at and it is almost unbelievable that a tool could be made to serve four purposes. Yet when it is in the screwdriver position it definitely feels like any ordinary screwdriver and when in the plier position it is as handy and flexible as any other small needle-nose pliers with the wire cutter.

Brother Schoenwald has a patent pending and at the present time is looking for a suitable manufacturer. His main concern is to find a manufacturer that will put out his tool at such a cost that every electrician can afford it. I am sure that once they have seen it and used it they will be as enthused and happy with it as we are. I have stressed in this article that it was made for the electricians. That is what "Shorty" had in mind but after seeing the working model it will be a must for every radioman, telephone repairman and a handy tool that should be in every tool box and definitely in the kitchen cabinet drawer as household tool.

The photograph of the working model that I am enclosing is pretty much self explanatory and with a little careful study you can plainly see the working part and how the tool is used. We of Local 714 wish Brother Schoenwald all the luck in the world and know that once it's on the market there is no doubt about its selling.

HAROLD M. OLSON, B. M.

Invention



Ingenious device for trimming, hanging fixtures invented by Bro. Waldo Schoenwald of Local 714, Minot, N. D.

World Exposition Planned for Houston

L. U. 716, HOUSTON, TEXAS—Much talk is currently being heard around town about the gigantic World Exposition to be held here in 1956. It has been announced that property has been purchased adjacent to the San Jacinto Monument Grounds and adequate roads are being planned to make the site readily accessible to the throngs expected to attend.

There remains much planning and a host of details to be worked out but according to latest reports the project is already well beyond the embryonic stage and is now a born reality. People directly connected with the exposition are estimating that it will bring a billion dollars worth of business to the Houston trade area. Building and holding a fair of this magnitude will certainly be a boon to L. U. 716 and we are eagerly watching the developments.

The legislative season has come and gone, both in the State and in the Nation. The results were about the same in both bodies as far as labor is concerned. They failed to put any more clamps on us and by the same token they failed to take any off. We can only hope that the trend has been stopped and that we can start undoing some of the damage done to us while we all rocked along in the recent era of political doldrums.

B. B. MORGAN, P. S.

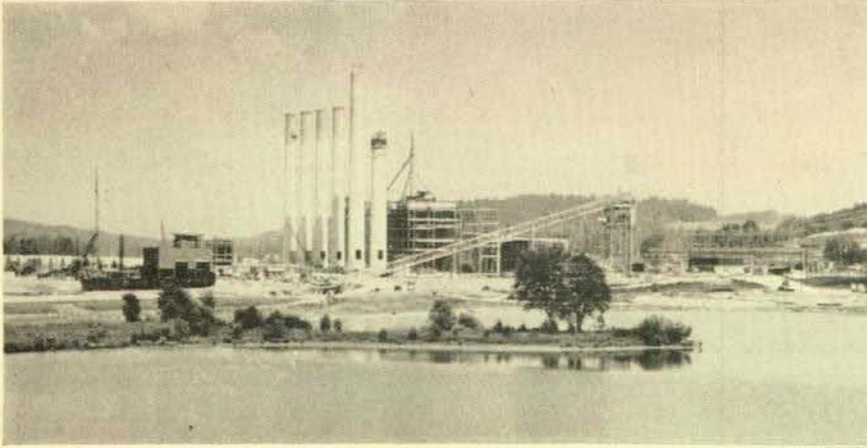
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Reviews Teamwork Of Labor and TVA

L. U. 760, KNOXVILLE, TENN.—The Tennessee Valley has changed during the past 20 years and many people in the Valley give a considerable amount of credit for the change to the Tennessee Valley Authority. TVA, as that Government agency is known throughout the world, has brought the vast Tennessee River system under substantial control. There have been no large floods in the Valley for two decades. The once unruly river has been converted into a series of nine huge lakes with a deep water navigation channel over which now passes nearly a billion ton-miles of traffic a year. And from about a hundred generating units in 30 dams come more than 3¼ million kilowatts of electricity to supply needed energy to homes, farms, and factories.

Nor are these the only changes that have come about in the Valley. The forests are moving slowly but surely toward full productivity. Under the stimulus of new high analysis fertilizers, agriculture is being placed on a firmer footing. Malaria is getting close to the vanishing point.

Local 760 at Kingston Plant

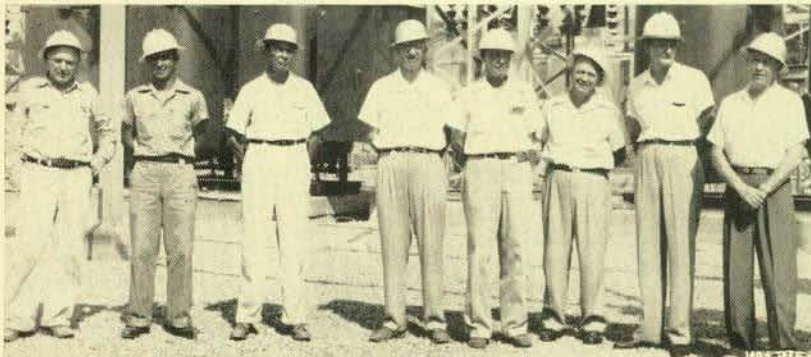


In the jurisdiction of Local 760, Knoxville, Tenn., is the Kingston Steam Plant of TVA, left, employing many of the local's members. Below, G. H. McKissick, J. D. Harris and J. B. Kennington discuss circuit breaking installation at the plant site.

More of the Plant's personnel are seen below. From left: J. T. Webb, Sr. and James T. Newby, assistant electrical superintendents; J. C. McCraw, construction superintendent; H. T. Loft, project manager; Troy Warren, electrical superintendent; J. K. Nichols, the local's business manager; H. F. Grovenstein, local president and Fred Robie, the plant personnel officer.



H. L. Lusby and R. E. Hall install a conduit at Kingston Plant, below.



E. D. Williford, H. E. Ridenour and R. L. Frances erect oil circuit breakers for steam plant, above.

Among the Local 760 officers on the project are, below left to right: Assistant Business Manager Joe M. Passmore; Executive Board Members T. W. Newcomb, J. W. Anderson, W. E. Manning and Aubrey Dacus, and Frank I. Copeland, the plant's assistant electrical superintendent.



A vast recreation area has been created from scratch.

TVA will be the first to tell you that alone it could not have brought about all of these great changes for better living. They were made possible because of a unique teamwork: first, a teamwork among all agencies working for Valley betterment—Federal, State, and local, with the active support and encouragement of the people; and secondly, and of great importance, a teamwork among its employees, including those employees affiliated with organized labor.

The story of the teamwork that has existed between organized labor and TVA management, bringing years of almost complete working harmony, is a satisfying one, but before going into that it might be well to take a quick run-down of TVA accomplishments since 1933, the year in which Congress passed the TVA Act that set this agency in motion and that started the Tennessee Valley on the upward road to greater prosperity and well-being.

Here are the major results to date:

NAVIGATION. Before TVA, the limiting channel depth from Paducah, Kentucky, to Wilson Dam, Alabama, was four feet; from Wilson Dam to Decatur, Alabama, three feet; from Decatur to Chattanooga, Tennessee, two feet; and from Chattanooga to Knoxville, one and one-half feet. Now there is a channel throughout the length of the river that will carry boats and barges drawing nine feet of water. Nine strategically placed dams make this possible. In 1933 traffic on the river amounted to 33,000,000 ton-miles, and most of that was sand and gravel dredged from one point on the river and delivered to another. Now traffic is running at the rate of 800,000,000 ton-miles a year, and most of this is high value cargo coming from or going to points outside the Valley; grain from the midwest, automobiles from Detroit, oil and other petroleum products from Louisiana, wood products and fertilizers to points on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Shippers are saving \$10 million a year; this is the amount they would pay additionally by using other forms of transportation if the Tennessee River were not developed. Four public terminals operate at Decatur and Guntersville, Alabama, and Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tennessee, where none did before. Oil companies have erected terminals at many points.

FLOOD CONTROL. There was no flood regulation before TVA. Today the TVA system includes nine major dams on the main river and 21 on tributaries. Of the latter the Aluminum Company of America owns five, but these are operated under TVA direction. Effective flood regulation is provided. Savings from flood damage are estimated at \$45,000,000 for

Chattanooga alone, where levees still are needed to bring the city full protection. TVA dams can reduce flood crests on the lower Ohio and on the Mississippi River south of Cairo, Illinois, from two to four feet, saving 6,000,000 acres of Mississippi Valley land from danger of flooding and reducing the frequency of flooding on 4,000,000 additional acres. Estimated annual flood damage savings are \$11,000,000, more than half of which is outside the Tennessee Valley.

FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT AND USE. TVA operates the Government's only large-scale laboratory and experimental center for the development of fertilizers. These facilities, devoted to fertilizer production in peace time, also produce munitions when needed. Private industry has ready access to data about new fertilizer products, processes, and equipment. Many companies have benefited by this research. Through last year the plant had produced nearly 50½ million tons of various materials, including phosphatic fertilizers of higher concentration and ammonium nitrate. Some of this material has been used on practical farms under a program of test-demonstration being carried out with the cooperation of the various state extension services. The fertilizers are tested on all soil types and under varying climatic conditions. Tests are carried on in many states. The balance of the fertilizers are sold through cooperatives and private companies to promote soil improvement. The demonstrations of TVA fertilizers have helped greatly to increase the demand for commercial fertilizers.

TVA's Chemical plants produced 60 percent of the elemental phosphorus required by the armed forces in World War II. They also produced ammonium nitrate for munitions and calcium carbide for production of synthetic rubber.

FORESTS. More than half the Valley land is in forests or woodlands. About 5,000 sawmills and wood-using industries contribute \$350,000,000 to the Valley's annual income; under sound forest development and management this could be tripled. TVA's work in forestry is carried on in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service and the various state and local agencies concerned with forest development. The objective is to bring forests to their point of greatest return, and the program includes assistance in reforestation and erosion control; in forest protection, development, and management; and in harvesting, marketing, and utilizing forest products. Nearly 250,000 seedlings from TVA nurseries have been planted on privately-owned lands by their owners. Hundreds of thousands of acres of timberland have been placed voluntarily by owners on a sustained yield cutting basis, wherein the an-

nual cut does not exceed the yearly growth. Fire control has been extended by local agencies and now covers about 90 percent of the forested areas. Grazing and other practices destructive to forests have been reduced. New products and improved utilization techniques consistent with good forest management are investigated. A process for making laminated lumber from cull timber and low-grade lumber was developed. Extraction of tannin from pine bark, oak bark, and oak slabs, to replace the waning supply of chestnut extract wood, has been successfully demonstrated. A pilot plant to produce molasses from hardwood mill wastes has been successfully operated. These are but a few.

MALARIA CONTROL. When TVA was created in 1933, malaria was widespread in portions of the Valley. In some north Alabama areas the incidence was nearly 30 percent. By carrying out a control program, this has been decreased to near the vanishing point. In the last several years surveys have uncovered no incidence of malaria which could have been contracted from malaria carrying mosquitoes in the Valley region; the only cases found were of returned Korean veterans. In late years the control work centered on "building out" malaria, by dyking to create a more stable shoreline free of potential mosquito breeding areas, and by spraying of insecticides by plane or helicopter. In its surveys TVA works with the various state health organizations.

(To be continued next month. Editor's Note: We should have liked to publish this interesting article in its entirety this month, but space would not permit. We have saved half the copy and pictures for our December issue.)

A. D. DACUS, P. S.

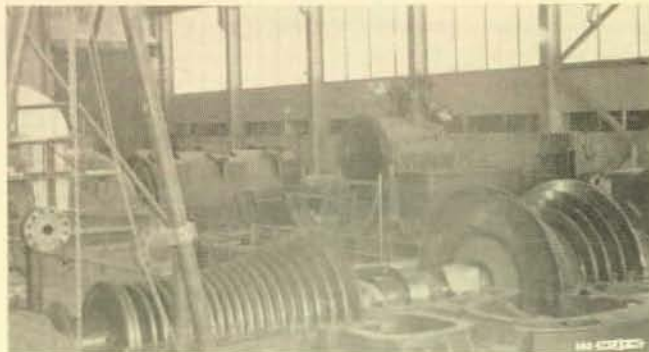
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Local 804 Initiates First Social Evening

L. U. 804, KITCHENER, ONTARIO—September 18th marked the first social activity ever attempted in this local, and it proved very successful. I am sure I voice the opinion of all attending when I say "thanks for a job well done" to the officers and Brother Bunch's entertainment committee.

Approximately 80 members and their wives attended, and the social got under way at 9 p.m., with dancing, which everyone seemed to enjoy. The highlight of the evening came at 10:45 p.m., when International Representative Art Mathews presented 10-year pins to Brothers Herb Schnitzler, Eldon Muegge, and William "Bill" Hannon. Others who will receive similar pins, but were not

Local 835 Men at TVA



At left are the members of Local 835, Jackson, Tenn., employed in the TVA Steam Plant at Johnsonville, and at right is a view of the turbine room. The names are given in the local's letter.

present, are Brothers Norman Elmslie, Alfred Gillies, Arthur Hemming, and Art Hollatz.

Possibly to our junior members, being a member of L. U. 804 for 10 years, does not seem any great feat, and the only difference is that he has paid dues for 10 years. Well Brothers that is not the only difference. He paid dues into our local when it did not even have a membership of the strength to bargain for an agreement. It takes patience and foresight to keep up your membership under those conditions, and we junior members are indebted to him for holding our local together, so that we now can enjoy the benefits of our existing agreement.

Another issue at our social, was the interest shown by the wives when asked if they would form a ladies auxiliary, to help organize future get-togethers. This I think would tend to promote better relationship within the union, and so be an added unit of strength.

Well, conditions and work are still at a high level in our local, and the attendance at our September meeting was an improvement. The most serious problem confronting us, was conversion mechanics and their rate of pay. With the attendance and support of all members the problem could be overcome so "Come on fellows . . . see you next meeting!"

C. E. ANDERSON, P. S.

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Jackson Members On TVA Project

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—Yours truly thought those of you who have never been to the TVA Steam Plant at Johnsonville, Tennessee and, those of you who have, would like some pictures of the men working and of the boiler control.

I shall take the men first—they are: reading left to right—Sanders, Baleware, Cowell, Doughty, Mathis, Brewer, and Barron.

The other picture is of the Turbine

Room, Unit one and two. G.E. Unit rating 125,000 K.W.H. Maximum rating, RPM 1800—Steam Pressure 1450—Temperature 1000 O/F. G.E. generator—hydrogen cooled—125,000 KVA maximum rating. We have six of these units installed, four General Electric and two Westinghouse.

This steam plant is manned by Local Union 835. It is almost complete and is a beautiful thing to see.

Yours truly and the business manager of L.U. 835 attended the T.V.A. Panel Conference, September 19th at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Have you helped an unfortunate lately?

We cover Tennessee like the dew.

J. W. GOODWIN, P. S.

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Los Angeles Brother, James Jones, Passes

L. U. 889, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The September meeting held on Tuesday the 22nd, was saddened by the announcement that Brother James P. Jones, age 49, had passed away. His death occurred on the 10th of September. He was a victim of cirrhosis of the liver. Employed by the Union Pacific Railroad, he had been a member of our local since June of 1935. His passing will be mourned by all of us here and a moment of silence was observed in his memory. Brother G. A. Sheets made a motion that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in honor of Brother Jones.

A very encouraging and enlightening report was given by Brother H. D. Parker, our financial secretary, of the Progress Meeting held in Chicago, early this month. Brother Parker also expressed his views on the present labor situation which confronts every member of organized labor. This writer wants to go on record at this time again expressing Brother Parker's wishes that, all members of Local 889 and all men who want to live in a country where the rights of the working man are upheld and fought for every day in the week and

every day in the year, will support the men and various organizations that devote their time and education for a better way of life for all of us.

Pardon us for sounding our horn a little but at this writing, we—Local 889—are the largest Railroad Local in the country. We hope to keep this standing and would like to hear from the other Railroad Locals from time to time.

FRANK L. CLAYTON, P. S.

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Janesville Local's Float in Parade

L. U. 890, JANESVILLE, WIS.—We had a fine turnout in Janesville on Labor Day. Once again we had our annual Parade of Champions. The competitive bands were very superb and colorful. The parade floats were made and displayed better than in former years. Local 890 again entered a float which was made possible with considerable time and effort of a few loyal volunteers.

It was heartwarming to see a parade and turnout of spectators on Labor Day, a day that belongs to everyone and is nationally observed for the advance of mankind, a day on which men can remember that they are created equal, regardless of race, color or creed and must uphold and respect the rights of others as they would their own.

The plight of the nation rests on the shoulders of labor. For it is labor that provides the skill, tools and good will which makes America the proud country that it is today. We have a great country in which we live. May we all endeavor to keep it that way.

C. J. BONOMO, P. S.

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High Tribute to Brother C. W. Thornton

L. U. 917, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Once in a lifetime, if we are fortunate, we have the privilege of knowing and

Build and Man Janesville Float



At left are the members of Local 890, Janesville, Wis., who built the local's float entry for the Labor Day pageant. Brothers Pat Carroll, Bill Fuhrman, Vern Rogers, Harley Hagaman, Henry Ringhardt, and Cecil Carroll. Those shown at right piloted and graced the float during the parade: Sisters Sue Carroll and Shirley Albee; Brothers Mike Carroll and Pat Carroll.

working with some person who should be immortalized for his having been instrumental in doing some great work of inestimable worth to mankind. Doctors, scientists, painters, writers, chemists, theologians, prophets, astronomers, musicians, statesmen, poets and scholars, from all walks of life have made great contributions, the value of which cannot be rightly ascertained by the highest skilled mathematicians of the world. These great deeds are not to be taken lightly, for their good results continue on, even after their doer's bones have returned to dust and their names no longer haunt the memory of men who benefit from the labors of, and sacrifices endured by, these great men. Though some of these men were geniuses, and some were wealthy, the greater part of them were ordinary men of moderate means. Some attained great fame and fortune but most of them never had the satisfaction of seeing the valuable results of their noble endeavors, acclaimed by an undeserving mankind.

They were no less great for the failure of mankind, generally, to fully appreciate and acknowledge them for their works during their own lifetimes, for it is a regrettable trait of the human race to belittle another's laudable undertakings. We are not prone to give credit where credit is due. Jesus of Nazareth once said to the disciples, "A Prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and in his own house."

We, tonight have the opportunity to express, in a feeble sort of way, our appreciation to one who has labored long and diligently in the cause of labor. He has given unstintingly of his time and efforts, in the cause of labor, and we, all of us, have profited much thereby.

For more than 34 years he has been fighting and winning, the battles of labor and the value of his victories is incalculable. We shall continue to reap the benefits of these victories for many years hence.

Mere words will not suffice to express the debt of gratitude we owe

this Brother, for even we do not fully comprehend the magnitude of his works nor that of their intrinsic and spiritual value. Neither can we compensate him with silver and gold equal to the value thereof, but we can, in some small measure, evidence our appreciation by faithfully and zealously guarding the gains he has been so instrumental in attaining and by striving ever to add thereto, something worthy of his endorsement.

A token of appreciation is of little value in trying to express our feelings, but since we are men of little learning and have not the silver tongue of Cicero, we can only do that which comes to our hearts. So, Brother Thornton, we present you this token of our love and esteem, inscribed as follows:

"Presented to Brother C. W. Thornton, the best Union man we know from members of Local Union No. 917. I.B.E.W., Meridian, Mississippi," and which is adorned with the I.B.E.W. and Masonic Emblems. Brother Thornton, we love you and thank you."

The writer was recently thinking of the international chaos in our world of today. People all over the earth are struggling to achieve something better from life, fighting against want and fear. Think of the large grain and cotton crops which are now in the process of being harvested. There is insufficient space to store the surplus. God and nature have given us all these basic requirements of life, and yet, man seems unable to devise means of distribution. I do not mean through the channel known as charity, but through an upward movement of the standard of living throughout the world. Yes, give to the sick and needy, but a man's day's work should give him all the essentials of life, ordinary luxuries and decent security for his evening of life.

Because of its high standard of living the United States is the outstanding nation of today. The American Federation of Labor has done much, very much, to bring this about.

Machines have cut the cost on manufactured articles. Ways and means must be found that only a fair margin of profit be added so that more distribution be achieved by increased purchasing power of the dollar.

Long ago the bonds of physical slavery were broken in this country, but now we must achieve economic freedom for all people who are able and desire to work.

As individuals we wonder, what I can do? I can tell you at least two things—attend your local union meetings and whenever you do, have whatever it takes to get up and express your own opinion on the subject for discussion. Second, make yourself eligible to vote in your own state and national elections. Brothers, let's fight for whatever we think is right instead of joining the opposition.

By our recent election we have the following officers: B. E. Jones, president; G. E. Lackey, vice president; A. K. Stuart, business manager and financial secretary; Dewitt C. Warner, treasurer, and D. H. Owen, Sr., recording secretary.

We will be nearing the holidays as this is printed so all of us, many who work in and out of your locals, send to each of you and yours, a hearty wish for a Merry Christmas and a voting New Year.

DAVID H. OWEN, SR., P. S.

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Long-Term Officers Honored by Local 1029

L. U. 1029, WOONSOCKET, R. I.—At long last, I am sending a couple of snapshots of our two long-term officers who are to be honored at a testimonial given by this local on September 26, 1953 at seven-thirty p.m.

A committee has been formed and tickets have been printed for this great event. Our list of invited guests includes such prominent people as Mr. Regan, Vice President, Second District; Mr. Kennefick of Springfield; Mr. Arthur Devine, director of labor of Rhode Island and president of the state branch of Rhode Island A.F.L.;

Mayor Coleman of Woonsocket; business agents from Springfield, Worcester, Holyoke, Boston, Providence, Fall River and New Bedford; and Edward Shaw, president of the Woonsocket Central Labor Union.

Kenneth Walsh, president of Local 1029 is co-chairman of these committees. Other chairmen are Oliver L'Heureux, tickets; Eugene Coupe, one of our active charter members, master of ceremonies; Louis Hubert, decorations; Daniel Forestal, entertainment; Edward Wyspianski, invitations; Eugene Stanteski, permit; and the rest of the members are ready to help these chairmen. The success of this affair will depend upon the support and help that will be needed and given, I hope, by all the Brother members.

Our newly-installed officers are really going into the business of running this local with a bang. Their knowledge will come with the experience of attending all their meetings, regular, special and executive, and what they will learn in the next two years will surely help and surprise them. I am referring to those newly-elected officers, who, for the first time, are in office.

We are still negotiating with our contractors for a new wage scale, and how long this will go on, I don't know.

Working conditions in the city are fair, and quite a few of our members are still working out of town, with a few more added to those already there. New construction in Woonsocket has fallen off, and only for those mills that are changing over to new and modern equipment have our members been kept busy by the contractors.

Before I close, a reminder to our local brother members—to get first-hand information attend your meetings. Don't be backward about making any suggestions or giving out with ideas; bring them on the floor at your meetings.

We only have one meeting a month, so surely one night there, away from your family and for your own best interest, would surely pay dividends in the long run.

The Woonsocket Central Labor Union has nominated Edward Wyspianski, your press secretary, secretary-treasurer at its last meeting.

ED WYSPIANSKI, P. S.

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Social Fund Officers Chosen in Ambridge

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—Social Fund officers were elected at the last meeting to serve until June 1955, the next regular election of the union officers. Those elected were Patsy Vellano, president; Nazzie Murshetz from rubber mill, first vice president, Jan Colades from wire inspection,

Faithful Service



Long-term officers to be honored by
Local 1029, Woonsocket, R. I.

second vice president, Shy Namie from the stranders, third vice president, and John Wolf, financial secretary. Ambridge High auditorium is the place on December 12th where this committee will hold a Christmas treat for the Social Fund members' children, and maybe Santa Claus might be there in person, so bring your children.

Auditors, who are they and who audits the books to see where your money goes? Three men were appointed by President John Dyber. The first is a man who needs no introduction, especially as to the ability he has with figures. He is Austin Ford who works in the big office as

you enter the plant. Then we have that man who was selected for jury duty at the Beaver court, Albert Kuhel from the shipping department, whose eyes keep a close watch on the figures; and also Louis Cevitch from the stranding department who makes sure all figures are correct. For information attend your meetings regularly and you will hear the auditors report.

Among our women union members we could just about give Mary Durkin from the pipe shop and Carrie Ward, steward from the press room, a perfect attendance mark for the union meetings. Good work girls, we need more like you.

Joseph J. Kriever, a veteran of 33 years of service here at the National Electric, passed away at the age of 49. He was well liked by the employees and just as well as by the company officials. He started in as a millwright apprentice and worked his way up as night turn superintendent all over, which job he held for 15 years. His last promotion was with the engineering department. Joe was also chairman for the past 12 years, of the picnic which the company holds annually for its employees. For the splendid job he did he will always be remembered and missed by all that knew him. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family, from the union members.

Congratulations go to former Augusta Capends who decided to surprise her friends by not just going out for a ride to Niagara Falls, but to become the bride of Herman Cruise. Mrs. Cruise at present is employed in the test department. She is from the braiders. The young couple are making their home in Conway. Also congratulations go to Helen Mihalik, C.V. reel girl, who became the bride of John Smisko, Jr. at a wedding ceremony held at St. George's Greek Catholic church, West Aliquippa. The reception was held at the Ukrainian hall, Plan 11, Aliquippa.

James Goerman, Wisemann Fitting Company employe and also our local union member, is on his way up in finishing his beautiful home in Racoon Township near route 18. The Goerman family are working extra hard to move upstairs. At present they are living in the cellar. They built the biggest part of their home themselves.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

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Profiles of Warren Ohio, Local 1144 Men

L. U. 1144, WARREN, OHIO—Herbert E. Kibler came to work for the Trumbull Public Service Company of Warren, Ohio, on November 28, 1919, and worked for this company until it became the Ohio Public Service Com-

pany on November 1, 1921, which is now known as the Ohio Edison Company. He started out as an apprentice lineman, and worked himself up to the position of troubleman on January 15, 1937, which position he still holds. He is married and has one daughter.

Charles A. Pakiser came to work for the Ohio Public Service Company on August 9, 1922, which company is now known as the Ohio Edison Company. He started out as a lineman, and worked himself to the position of troubleman on May 1, 1923, which position he still holds. Mr. Pakiser is married. He was initiated into Local 162 of Omaha, Nebraska, on May 26, 1913. Card No. 226929.

At present time, both belong to Local Union No. 1144 of Warren, Ohio.

E. O. EARL, *President.*

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First Decade of Chester Local Marked

L. U. 1184, CHESTER, PA.—After 10 years in the Brotherhood, Local 1184 representing the employes of Philadelphia Electric Company's Chester Generating Station, ventures into the JOURNAL.

We celebrated our Tenth Anniversary on September 10th, at a banquet in the American Legion Hall, Chester.

Ten-year membership pins were presented to our charter members by Brothers Dex Jewett of the International Office, and Harold Jones, president of Local 1184. Among the guests were Brothers Glen MacKinnon and Jimmy Woodside of the International Office and Slim Bender, recently elected president of Local 769, the only other local on the P. E. property. Also present was Brother Wheeler representing L. U. 654, the construction local in Chester.

At our August meeting, Local 1184 lived up to its reputation for turning down wage increases. The membership voted not to accept a six percent wage increase which the company offered if we would extend our present contract one year from its expiration date, November 15th, 1953. As we go to press the Negotiating Committee has forwarded to the company, proposals for a new agreement including a wage increase and benefits which we hope will aid Brother MacKinnon in his campaign to organize the rest of the Philadelphia Electric System.

THOMAS J. SHEERAN, P. S.

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Local 1217 Engineers Finish Television Course

L. U. 1217, ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Broadcast Engineers of Local Union No. 1217 have completed their first

television conversion course conducted by the local's Educational Committee of Technical Training and under the able tutelage of Professor Charles M. Schwarz. The school was held in Local Union No. 1's classrooms and included conventional theory, practical operation contained in operating texts with lectures and actual operation of camera chain equipment. The tuition fee paid by the members taking the course covered the teaching fee and incidentals required to present the material used. The high degree of interest maintained during the 13 weeks course was due primarily to the skillful handling of the subject material by the lecturer. Professor Schwarz's experience in the electronic field testifies to his ability as a teacher and lecturer. He has served on the faculty of the Washington University Engineering School for the past 20 years. In addition to the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Professional Electrical Engineering, he also holds all amateur and commercial licenses issued by the F.C.C. His texts are used in all Missouri Technical Schools and his services are widely sought as a consulting engineer in all branches of the electronic field.

It is felt that the success story of the TV Conversion Course would not be complete without acknowledging with deep appreciation the splendid cooperation received from other sources. Local Union No. 1, provided their school room for all the sessions and in addition, space to house the laboratory equipment used by the professor in illustrating and demonstrating his lectures. The management of WTVI-TV station, Belleville, Illinois, unselfishly provided their studios and camera chain equipment for the practical portion of the course study. Supervisory engineering employes, of WTVI-TV, members of this local, made available their time and talents instructing and supervising the actual handling of the TV equipment by the future TV engineers. With that kind of cooperation the course could not



Brothers Herbert E. Kibler and Charles A. Pakiser of Local 1144, Warren, Ohio.

fail to achieve the results for which it was planned.

Encouraged by the success of the initial attempt in TV schooling, Local Union 1217 is in the process of setting up another course to begin sometime in October. In the planning, provisions are to be incorporated to expand the scope of study. The actual operation of equipment is to be stressed as it was proven to the satisfaction of everyone that sound operational procedure is obtained only with actual experience in operating TV equipment.

KSTM-TV is rapidly taking shape and with several other stations having construction permits it is very apparent the local must be ready to supply trained engineering personnel. It is the feeling of the local's Educational Committee that the TV Conversion Training will be continued as long as the need for it is present.

W. E. MANSFIELD, R. S.

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Situation Disappointing At Coast Guard Yard

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Hello, folks, and a very friendly greeting to all—your Scribe Sears reporting with a not too good report this time. Bah! The situation is so disappointing. However, we are not letting that get us down. We have that determination to overcome such gloomy elements, so we shall adjust ourselves to improve the morale of the employes, at least until more appropriations are obtained for the Coast Guard yard personnel. The 95-footers are about completed and what will be next is anybody's guess. Perhaps back to some 40-footers, or a lightship or a cutter, as the means (funds) will be just enough to last till June 1954.

Now I'll take you to the meeting hall. With cooler weather more and more members are attending. By the way, Brothers Horace Buckley, our financial secretary, and J. Lehane want to thank the Convention Committee in Cleveland for their kind hospitality and brotherly love spirit that prevailed during their stay there at the recent Progress Meeting. Brother W. W. Robbins of the International Office was present, and over 200 delegates from all over were in attendance.

So until my next report take it easy, and stick to safety driving, safety working, and the safety habit.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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Takes Top Honors in Duck Pin Tourney

L. U. 1402, PITTSBURGH, PA.—We are submitting to the JOURNAL this

month a picture of our Brothers of Local 1402, after taking part in the industrial duck pin tournament in and around Pittsburgh. Our boys came through with top honors. There were 16 plants represented in this particular tournament, all the games being rolled at the local Y.M.C.A. on the northside. As the final two teams went into action there was a large crowd on hand to cheer their respective teams to victory. After the smoke cleared away and the final sheets were tallied, our Brothers were the victors by a scant 18 pins. Ed Dombert won the individual high game trophy of the tournament with a lusty 246. That's darn good bowling, especially when the chips are down and the competition so keen. Nice going fellows and may the next season find you again taking the competition into camp and resting on your fine laurels.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Charles Cook, Jr., in the passing away of his father after a brief illness. Charles, Sr., was one of our members who has been on pension for the past six years. He had been with the Steel City Electric Co. and Local 1402 for over 31 years.

Next month we hope to have pictures and report the good times had by the members and their families who attended our local union picnic.

In closing we leave you with this thought:

Confucius say: "Man at wheel who take chance too often. Always wind up in plush-lined coffin."

"BUZZ" SCHWARTZ, P. S.

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Cites Interdependence Of Labor, Management

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—What must we do to keep our Secretary of Labor happy? Mr. Durkin has seemed to be a man of little patience in comparison with the last one. To have the Taft-Hartley law revised is, of course, our aim, but having waited through one Administration it would not be beyond our patience to give a new Administration at least a year to look things over. It would take a year to read over the different articles, apart from the time for discussing it. Perhaps the new Secretary of Labor will take things a little easier before he drops the reins.

We laborers want a square deal. We are giving good work because we know that only as our employers make a profit can we expect them to do the business that gives us our jobs. Labor and business are interdependent, and we want progress, at a slow pace rather than not at all.

We have had a good season at Wheelers. Part of the time it was necessary to run three shifts. The Hanson Enameling Company has

First in Duck Pin Tourney



These members of Local 1402, Pittsburgh, Pa., won top honors in area's Industrial Duck Pin Tournament. In front row are John D'Amico and John Kuckinkas. In rear are Ed Dombert, Tom Tunney, President Vic Verdekell and Roy Hubbard.

found it convenient to have the 4980's enameled and finished at the Wheeler plant.

Some of our members at work there have decided to remain a branch of our local until time for negotiations for a new contract, and all the employees have become union members.

We have missed Angelo, but he has been able to be at work part of the time lately, although it is necessary for him to use crutches.

Thurman Hammond is still unable to return to work, and Mary Melaney also.

Dick Griffith, who is in the Marine Corps, has been home on furlough and will be married soon. Congratulations, Dick!

Arthur Turner, Jr., has returned to his army camp, and has his orders for military service in the Far East, where we know he will make good. He has been attending leadership training school.

Red's son, Chubby, has been home on leave from the Navy and isn't chubby any more. He is over six feet tall and looks down on his father now.

We all extend our sympathy to Jim Shay and his family upon the death of his wife, and we are hoping that his daughter, Mickey, will soon have returned to good health.

We're glad that Charles Raby has recovered from his illness and has re-

turned to work. Glad also that Clyde and Marie Lane have completed the building of their new house and have moved into it.

Sadness and gladness is a part of living and pretty well distributed, so that none of us gets more than his share according to the One who rules our times. We can't expect that all our hopes will be realized. We must work and wait. Waiting is a hard part of life, but if we keep busy putting our shoulder, now and then under another's load, the waiting will pass, the shower will be over and the rainbow over the clouds. And I have heard that the cloud is often the shadow of God's hand.

VERDA M. LANE, P. S.

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Introduces Albany, Ga., Local 1531

L. U. 1531, ALBANY, GA.—Greetings from Albany, Georgia, to all our I.B.E.W. Brothers and Sisters everywhere. I believe this is the first time Local Union 1531 has been heard from in the Electrical JOURNAL. So I will attempt to give a brief history of our local, and some of the activities that have taken place here.

L. U. 1531 was chartered August 1, 1946, having 15 members at that time, and since has grown to more than 100 members. Although we have

Personalities of Local 1505



Harvard educated but labor bred, Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, was to be guest of Local 1505 at its December 13th meeting.



Consuelo Morgan, Local 1505's recording secretary, listened carefully to the views espoused by Senators Saltonstall and Kennedy at the Fourth Annual Gompers Banquet, which she attended in Boston with Vice President John J. Casey.



Softball Team Captain Bob Caloggero indicates that it's three championships in three years for Local 1505's team in the Newton Twilight Softball League and the Raytheon championships.



Aiming for the honor roll at scholastically stiff Brandeis University is James P. Connolly, winner of Local 1505's Louis B. Connors Memorial Scholarship of \$500 last June.



The long, cold winter won't bother Margaret Pellegrini, Local 1505 Executive Board member and delegate to the recent state convention in Springfield, posing with the gallon of union-made whisky she won in a drawing.



Mrs. Edna M. Gill, matron of the Quincy No. 1 plant of Raytheon and, incidentally, a third cousin of President Eisenhower, is proud of her association with Local Union 1505.



Waiting for his Army discharge in July is Pfc James R. Landers, formerly of Local 1505, and now assigned to drafting section of the 223rd Infantry, 40th Infantry Division in Korea.

had many trials and troubles during these years, with little more than faith in our union to keep us going, we have made a great deal of progress, with a lot more to be made in the future. But, as the old story goes, the work picture is brighter at last. One of our largest projects, the U. S. Marine Depot of Supplies, with approximately 25 million dollars of construction underway, and more to fol-

low. The City of Albany is building a high school building that will cost over a million and a half dollars. We also have several smaller jobs underway or about to start.

It is with much gratification that this much of our dream has come true. Our president is Brother C. C. Webb. Brother Webb is doing an excellent job as president, after picking up where Brother W. L. Dayton, who has recently resigned for business reasons, left off. Our business manager's office is in the capable hands and inspiring leadership of Brother G. B. Brandon. Brother Brandon has held several offices in the local and

has devoted much of his time to union affairs.

W. L. SMITH, P. S.

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Local Functions Help Promote Unity

L. U. 1660, ANSONIA, CONN.—Our annual outing was held September 12, 1953. This event was enjoyed by all who participated. We now have a committee working on plans to have our annual Christmas party. We find these events very helpful in bringing our union members together, to come to know each other better and the result is better cooperation.

Since our last letter to the **ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL**, we have had election of officers of our union. We have all new faces in all offices except the offices of the president and the business manager.

Local 1660 has started a course in labor-management education. This course is sponsored by the Labor Institute of the University of Connecticut. It is a six-week course and it will begin September 27, 1953. We are having a bit of trouble with the management of the Ansonia Wire and Cable Company, as all locals usually have with industrial plants. We feel by having a course in labor-management education, it would help to improve relations. We wish this company would have a course for their personnel and foremen, so they could better understand unionism.

I personally, as business manager of Local 1660, would like to congratulate Mr. J. C. White, assistant business manager of Local 558 for the poem he wrote and sent in on "The Business Manager." I find this poem fits many incidents that have happened to me in my two short years as a business manager. I also hope more union members, who get the **ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL**, would read it thoroughly. For myself I can see that other business managers get kind of the same treatment I've been getting. I'm not alone in this world and I feel much better.

Last but not least I wish to extend to Local 1847, an encouraging pat on the back for their great victory in becoming a local in our great Organization. All officers and union members of Local 1660 wish you good luck in the future.

GEORGE BASHURA, B. M.

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Multiphasic Screening For Disease Detection

L. U. 1710, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Mom, just home from her day's work at Hoffman Television: "Multiphasic screening will begin at Plants One and Two on October 20, and I'm sure anxious to see what it turns up."

Dad: "Don't tell me the mosquitoes are so bad at Hoffman that they have to put on a new kind of window screens?"

Mom: "No, dear, you're wrong again as usual."

Sis: "Oh, oh, I bet Charlie—I mean Senator—McCarthy is at it again. Will it be on television, Mom?"

Mom: "Oh, you're as hopeless as your father."

Junior: "I know, Pop. Don't forget, my girl friend's big sister (wow) is a union steward in Plant One and she talks about multiphasic screening so much I know the story by heart. To quote her, 'It's frantic, and the mostest.' Her letter from the union says: 'Multiphasic screening is a series of medical tests, administered one after another at the same place to large numbers of people, directed at the early detection of diseases—the most practical method of illness prevention. It is not a substitute for a physician's care, nor for a complete physical examination by a physician.'"

Dad: "Right you are, Junior. And you Seventh Graders really are 'cool,' to quote you. For memorizing that, here's two bits to take that gal out. And don't spend it all in one place."

And now to mow the maize patch, or as the squares say, "Let's cut the corn."

Some 1400 members of our community, working at Plants One and Two of the Hoffman Electronic Lab-

oratories, will receive, absolutely free, a check-up to see if they are likely in the near future to be afflicted with tuberculosis, lung cancer, anemia, diabetes, or any number of other ailments, including certain heart conditions.

The service is free to everybody at the two plants, and even top supervision will take part. The full import of this project is difficult to measure but we hope we are not being overly optimistic in our conviction that we are helping to write a new chapter in the long story of labor's fight for better health care for working people and their families. But in this case it would hardly be fair to let the I.B.E.W., or even labor as a whole, take all the bows.

This multiphasic screening project is a true community enterprise. While Local 1710 was the first union group actually to work out the million and one details necessary to translate discussion into action, we are only a small part of a terrific program.

The Hoffman company has spent a mint of money over the years on employee benefit projects, among them being several designed to help provide the average employee with adequate medical care for himself and his family. (In the case of Hoffman employees, we should really say "her" instead of "his," as the great majority of Hoffmanites are not of the gender whose libido was particularized in Kinsey Volume One.)

Now for details. On October 20,

Councilman Congratulates IBEW



The Honorable Edward R. Roybal (hand on x-ray frame), popular member of the Los Angeles City Council and Chairman of the Council's Public Health and Welfare Committee, congratulates Harry Fesperman, Business Manager of Local 1710, on I.B.E.W. activities in promoting better community health, as Dr. L. S. Goerke, M.D., Director of the Bureau of Medical Services for the Los Angeles City Health Department (left), Lee Bamberger, research economist for the University of California, and George O'Brien, Business Manager of Local 11, (right) look on.

Young Local in First Strike



After a week of picketing the Gill Glass and Fixture Co., Local 1841 of Philadelphia, Pa., just recently chartered, won a number of contract advantages described in their letter. Above are a group of smiling picketers and below the night shift waits it out.



21, 22, and 23, a mobile X-Ray unit, provided by the City Health Department, will be parked on Hill Street in front of the Plant One cafeteria, which will be converted into a sort of medical center. Employees, on company time, will be given chest X-Rays and a few easily administered tests, including a notation of height and weight, which in conjunction with other information, is often quite significant. The whole thing is over in just a few minutes. Test results will be examined by specialists in several fields and each employee will be sent a card, saying something to the effect that "you seem to be O.K.," or "you should see your doctor." Any recognized physician specified by the

employee will be given the results of the tests, but neither the company nor the union will have access to the records without express permission of the employee.

Hoffman has a modern insurance plan so it shouldn't be too expensive to secure treatment. For bona fide hardship cases, the union has established liaison with community services which can be of assistance, and the company has offered its facilities for any follow-through. The idea is to catch these chronic diseases while they are still readily curable.

This is the first time in Southern California such a comprehensive mass medical testing program of this kind has ever been conducted, and health

authorities are watching with keen anticipation of statistical results which may be extremely helpful in establishing a better health program for all of us.

A real community enterprise in the fullest sense, its immediate history goes back to a grant made to the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California at Los Angeles by the Inter-University Labor Education Committee (Fund for Adult Education, Ford Foundation) to work with unions on health problems. Then followed a series of conferences, participated in by unions, public health people, the university, civic and charitable organizations, officials of municipalities, representatives of the medical profession, and others.

Following statistical analysis and composite studies of the Hoffman tests, we hope to expand this, or similar service, to other groups, and also to make the tests more inclusive. By making full use of all community resources and by all pulling together, we may be a step nearer to realization of our life long dream of adequate medical care for all. Note that we say "by all pulling together." Well, we can dream, can't we?

BRICE WORLEY, P. S.

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First Annual Picnic Of Earlville Local

L. U. 1819, EARLVILLE, ILL.—Hello again from Earlville. We are enjoying such beautiful fall weather, the thoughts of winter, cold and snow are very unpleasant. Soon the season of fairs, centennials and picnics will be over. Speaking of picnics, we enjoyed our first Annual Marathon Picnic last Sunday, September 13th, complete with popcorn, soda pop, pony rides, and contests for the children and dancing for the adults. A grand time was had by all, thanks to our management and the chairman and her committee.

We are lucky enough to be still working full time. Whereas several places around here have shut down to part time operation and a lot of people have been laid off. Our records show some progress since the first of the year. I will quote some of the figures our superintendent gave us in the report for our shop newspaper which is a new venture.

Mr. Weiland informs us that our production has increased approximately 60 per cent since January. Likewise our plantwide efficiency has risen from 110 per cent in January to 131 per cent at present. Along with this improvement has come an increase in wages. For male employees, about 23 cents on the straight time average hourly rate and for female employees about four cents more.

These good things could not have been accomplished without the hiring of new help. The number of employees on the payroll has increased from 175 to 237. And along with new help comes unpleasant problems to be solved. Like a lot of other organizations we have a long way to go.

So much for labor. I enjoy very much reading letters in the JOURNAL from different parts of the country, but so far I have not seen very many reports from Illinois. I wonder why.

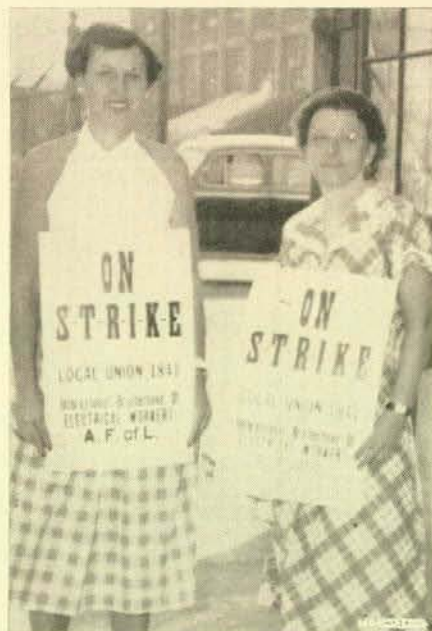
DARLENE SCHEFFER, P. S.

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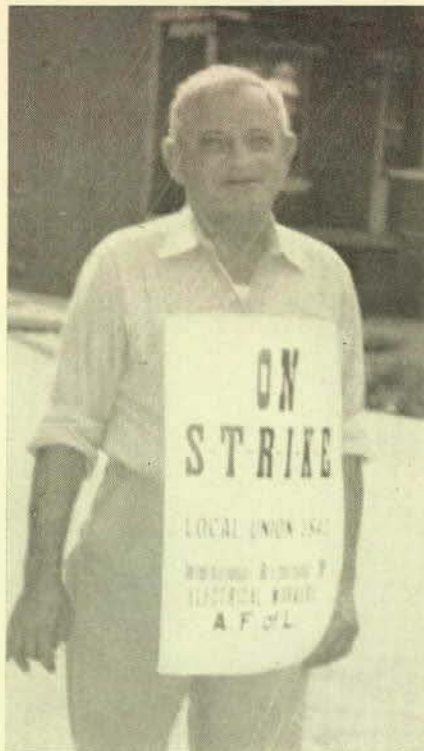
New Local 1841 Wins First Contract

L. U. 1841, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Our local union, which was only chartered in May of this year, is happy to let the rest of our Brotherhood know that we won our first battle. After having negotiated a seven cents per hour increase with five cents of it retroactive to May 1, 1953, and three and one-half cents per hour for insurance and medical benefits in nine shops, the Gill Glass and Fixture Company offered us only five cents per hour increase and only retroactive to July 23rd. We hit the bricks for one week and secured the seven cents per hour increase, five cents of it retroactive to May 1, 1953, and a written agreement that the three and one-half cents per hour for insurance and medical benefits would start May 1, 1954.

International Representative Henry



Bella Di Salvo and Wanda Engels, above, wear their signs proudly, as does Herman Bartholomew, right, during Local 1841's successful strike.



A. Steibing has ably assisted us in our negotiations with our present 12 shops and has helped us organize and put under contract one new shop. At the present time we are conducting

campaigns at three more shops and one of these is practically in the bag. We hope to soon be a very large local union.

EDWARD J. GRIFFIN, B. M.

Salt Lake City

(Photo Identification)

Officers of L.U. 354

First row: W. S. Gerrard, Executive Board member, Graham Shaw, Executive Board member, Veral Mott, business manager, George H. Hendry, Executive Board member.

Second row: Clifford Derbidge, Executive Board chairman, Tom Busenbark, recording secretary, Earl L. Parkin, president, F. E. Weidner, treasurer.

Engineering Department, Utah Power and light

Otto Mattulat, Irving Johnson, Homer Ogleby, Frank Taylor, Catherine Larson, Gary Side, Ralph Radford, Robert Stanis, Kimball Jenks, Darrell Eaker, Dick Thorpe, Frank Hammon, Joe Toy, Dick Smith.

L.U. 57 Progress Meeting

First row: Leslie Bell, International Representative Lee Anderson, V. G. Pearson, business manager, Faye Fox, Vice President W. C. Wright, Jack Swartz, president, Grant L. Webb, vice president, E. P. Cleveland, financial secretary.

Second row: Paul Rasmussen, Jay Anderson, Thomas E. Poole, Jack F. Butterfield, James A. Harwood, Ralph Crowell, Don Thomas, Edward Burch, C. J. Carhart, Dick Morgan.

Third row: Budd C. Raymond, E. G. Holding, treasurer, Robert Bond, Boyd Pettengill, Howard Grover, O. Henderson, C. B. Lee, H. A. Reese, V. R. Williams.

Service and Line Crews Utah Power and Light

Appearing in the picture are: Raymond Woods, Bill Ovard, Harold Kitchen, Gene Wight, James Aime, Richard Grills, Robert Willoughby, Richard E. Pflug, Ed Crosier, Jack Keithley, C. T. Fowler.

Dean Caldwell, L. D. Palmer, Carl Carlson, J. Thompson, P. M. Squires, Lovell Gunnerson, Kenneth Jacobson, Edwin Rich, Ralph Stoddard, Ken Melby, Denzel Wright, E. D. Pixton, G. Leon, Don Warts.

Lyle Johnson, Bob Lindley, Cliff Watts, F. Gerald Putnam, Harry J. Goodro, Gail A. Parker, Charles S. Watts, Thomas Daugherty, J. D. Sanders, R. E. Fesko, J. E. Richards.

Louis Felice, Donald Mutchie, C. W. Christensen, Kenneth Goff, R. H. Ashton, C. D. Hotaling, Val Chapman,

Lester Knig, Gordon B. Olsen, Ernest Wright, Sam Schmidt, Jim C. Rawlinson, Donald E. Jensen, S. J. Hollingshead, Marvin Haywood, L. A. Charles, J. L. Benson, R. C. Phillippi, Dean C. Swift.

T. A. Hiseman, B. Hutchings, H. Newey, B. Bluemel, E. Edwards, Ed Kaas, Jr., G. R. Baker, J. F. Truman, Clyde Ritter, T. C. Edwards, Francis Hood, Colin Nicholson, O. F. Henderson, L. O. Thayer, Charles Sedar, Walt Reid, Lester Knight, Jack Patterson, H. E. Hansen, Ed Pearson, Walt Fellows.

Herman Ramseyer, K. A. Nielson, D. A. Raddon, Lloyd A. Bolton, K. W. Leishman, Roy E. Halford, William A. Arrington, William E. Havice, Kenneth Booth, Cyrus Chastang, W. W. McClure, Alton Bingham, Albert Johnson, Irvin Thurman, Ed Smith.

Union Pacific Employees

First row: W. K. Moll, M. C. Hampton, chairman of Union Pacific group, A. K. Holland, R. V. Clay, T. M. Jensen, P. D. Thurgood, R. B. Lindorff, E. O. Pulley, George Grant. Second row: D. N. Burns, Ray B. Clark, O. C. Muir, Alonzo Smith, N. A. Clark, J. A. Osburn, R. L. Lund.

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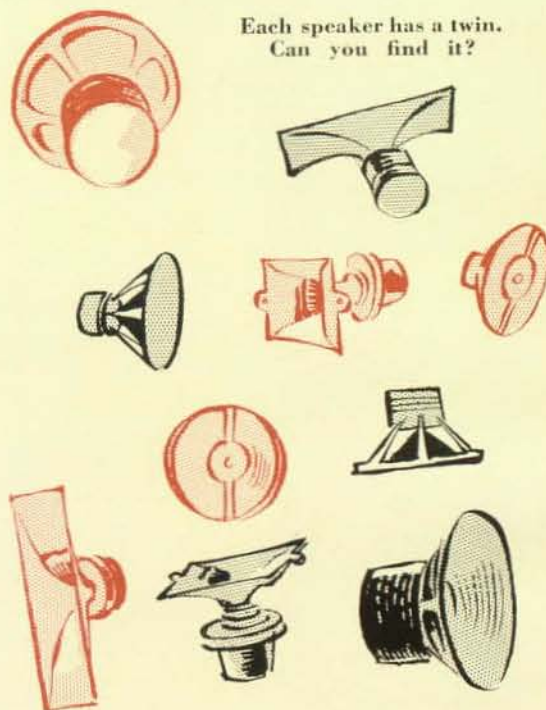


Example: Telegram
and wire. Now try
the others!



LOOK-ALIKES

Each speaker has a twin.
Can you find it?



DON'T WORRY, MRS GREEN,
IT'S UNBREAKABLE!



These neon signs need repairing
Can you fill in the missing letters?

DRU S
H RD ARE
PO TRY
TEL ISI N
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They've Come A Long Way

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bined quantity with standardization and precision to introduce mass production to the industry. Fifteen million Model "T's" were manufactured and sold from 1908 to 1927.

A car was no longer a luxury, or a toy of the rich. By the 1930's it had become a necessity with one car to every five persons in the United States. Gone were the days when goggled and duster-wrapped motorists of the automobile clubs would drive out for Sunday picnics, traveling in caravans with a repair car in the rear, and bearing the abuse of farmers and "natives" who cursed them, set speed traps for them, and plastered the roads with signs condemning motorists. The ocean-to-ocean highway project under the name at first of the "Lincoln Memorial Highway" had been completed in the 20's and had proved the incentive necessary to spur roadbuilding throughout the nation, and Congress had passed the Federal Highway Act to integrate the state and Federal highways system. Since then highways have kept pace with the tremendous growth of the automobile industry.

This growth was made possible only by the great engineering advances which put newer and better models on the roads every year. Sparking automotive research, were the famous auto races and endurance tests such as the Glidden Tours, the Vanderbilt Cup Race and the Indianapolis Speedway. Daredevils such as Barney Oldfield, Ralph DePalma and Louis Chevrolet had to have engines that could perform. And soon the light but powerful engines of the race tracks were reflected in the commercial field.

The first automobile show had been held in 1900 in Madison Square Garden, and 34 cars of all kinds—gas, steam and electric were exhibited. Auto shows, so familiar today, soon became annual events at the Garden and at the Chicago Coliseum, where the public could keep an eye on the manu-

Death Claims for September, 1953

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
1. O. (3)	G. J. Mendel	1,000.00	136	F. B. Elrod	1,000.00
1. O. (13)	W. A. Kurrle	1,000.00	146	S. Parker	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	J. Lawler	1,000.00	158	L. C. Grebel	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	H. C. Minet	1,000.00	166	T. J. Powers	825.00
1. O. (7)	T. N. Dean	1,000.00	185	J. R. McCarney	1,000.00
1. O. (9)	M. Roschert	1,000.00	212	G. Alford	1,000.00
1. O. (16)	J. W. Springer	1,000.00	212	J. B. Nielding	1,000.00
1. O. (39)	F. C. Woodley	1,000.00	213	J. R. Leland	475.00
1. O. (40)	J. G. Langan	1,000.00	228	P. L. Harmon, Sr.	1,000.00
1. O. (40)	R. C. Blair	1,000.00	246	C. O. Davis	1,000.00
1. O. (76)	F. Utter	1,000.00	271	W. F. Hess	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	M. Toth	1,000.00	295	C. C. Sherwood	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	S. S. Duff	1,000.00	301	H. Washington	475.00
1. O. (194)	E. A. White	1,000.00	309	W. J. David, Jr.	475.00
1. O. (125)	J. Stewart	1,000.00	342	D. K. Cathcart	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	T. H. Charley	1,000.00	349	L. J. Boland	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	L. C. Strong	825.00	352	L. Dravenstall	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	P. H. London	1,000.00	359	C. C. Smiley	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	J. Hanratty	1,000.00	371	W. C. Sims	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	F. Nitsche	1,000.00	387	Marshall	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	A. M. Anderson	1,000.00	397	W. Ramsey	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	J. P. Endres	1,000.00	409	A. Tait	1,000.00
1. O. (139)	O. E. Braun	1,000.00	438	J. Blean	1,000.00
1. O. (139)	O. Grubb	1,000.00	440	W. K. James, Jr.	1,000.00
1. O. (196)	E. H. Walter	1,000.00	457	R. C. Thomas	300.00
1. O. (199)	R. L. Archer	1,000.00	474	W. W. Worthington	1,000.00
1. O. (319)	G. Mitchell	1,000.00	477	W. B. Post	1,000.00
1. O. (339)	C. Newington	1,000.00	492	M. Collihan	1,000.00
1. O. (347)	A. Ashby	1,000.00	500	J. Cohn	1,000.00
1. O. (405)	W. Hanrahan	1,000.00	508	D. L. Zipperer	1,000.00
1. O. (527)	R. A. Paaske	1,000.00	528	A. E. Lanier	1,000.00
1. O. (607)	A. J. Canino	1,000.00	538	C. Bernard	300.00
1. O. (713)	A. Prassel	1,000.00	569	R. L. Gibson	1,000.00
1. O. (716)	C. Harris	1,000.00	576	A. V. Geer	1,000.00
1. O. (814)	C. O. Henry	1,000.00	613	R. M. Whitfield	475.00
1. O. (817)	C. A. Olson	1,000.00	620	F. Rihick	1,000.00
1. O. (892)	C. W. Stokes	1,000.00	624	B. Norris	1,000.00
1. O. (1037)	A. Harris	1,000.00	641	H. Mack	300.00
1. O. (1392)	F. J. Miller	1,000.00	659	C. Onn	1,000.00
1	G. C. Milde	1,000.00	659	J. A. Kide	300.00
1	L. H. Gatter	1,000.00	674	C. R. French	1,000.00
2	H. A. Steinmetz	150.00	682	R. S. Cutler	1,000.00
3	W. F. McNamara	1,000.00	688	H. J. Richards	1,000.00
3	E. T. McQuade	1,000.00	716	H. B. Rickard	150.00
3	W. Beck	1,000.00	725	W. H. Thomson	1,000.00
3	B. E. Morstall	1,000.00	731	A. Sandstrom	1,000.00
3	H. Schaefer	1,000.00	770	G. F. Sanders	1,000.00
3	A. Mazzeo	1,000.00	794	A. S. Farley	1,000.00
3	P. J. Schieber, Jr.	1,000.00	810	J. P. Arnold	1,000.00
3	W. F. Lambert	1,000.00	846	R. L. Gunter	1,000.00
3	J. Levine	1,000.00	867	H. Butts	1,000.00
3	A. E. Wolke	1,000.00	870	T. E. McHugh	1,000.00
3	T. O'Brien	1,000.00	894	J. C. McDiarmid	650.00
3	J. J. Kelly	825.00	917	J. P. Dean	1,000.00
11	R. C. Jensen	1,000.00	953	D. T. Heidemunn	1,000.00
11	J. W. Gault	1,000.00	953	L. E. Brotzman	1,000.00
18	C. C. Menefee	1,000.00	968	A. G. Freckling	1,000.00
18	J. W. Phillips	1,000.00	1002	C. L. Graham	1,000.00
25	F. W. Everett	475.00	1002	J. B. Rogers	1,000.00
26	T. E. Fennell	1,000.00	1013	E. L. Harder	1,000.00
38	A. M. Henderson	1,000.00	1024	C. P. Baldassario	300.00
48	L. S. Engelman	1,000.00	1047	W. J. Watson	500.00
48	J. G. Perry	1,000.00	1047	P. Criswell	1,000.00
57	C. B. Lee	475.00	1095	F. P. McNeely	1,000.00
64	G. Barton	1,000.00	1124	C. C. Mix	1,000.00
65	P. Celar	150.00	1153	J. Petro	1,000.00
72	R. B. Cowin	1,000.00	1212	H. V. Higgs	1,000.00
79	J. Dwight	1,000.00	1228	T. W. Foster	1,000.00
88	C. C. Gilmore	1,000.00	1245	W. E. French	650.00
88	E. J. Desmond	150.00	1248	C. F. Park	1,000.00
103	F. J. Schieb	1,000.00	1249	K. D. Holt	1,000.00
119	L. R. Kagle	1,000.00	1249	A. G. Gaske	1,000.00
124	J. C. Bickelmeier	1,000.00	1293	E. W. Murphy	1,000.00
125	R. Bicknell	1,000.00	1393	M. R. Hayes	1,000.00
134	L. Bacigalupo	1,000.00	1455	H. C. Hammett	300.00
134	F. Burke	1,000.00	1503	W. E. Williamson	1,000.00
134	C. Dorn	1,000.00	1527	F. M. Poffenberger	1,000.00
134	J. A. Keleher	1,000.00	1532	P. J. Evans	1,000.00
134	J. McCarron	1,000.00	1547	K. D. Bradley	1,000.00
134	J. E. Kiernan	1,000.00	1579	D. W. Summerall	100.00
134	R. P. Bolton	1,000.00	1814	J. H. Bradley	1,000.00
134	G. W. Bentley	1,000.00	Total		\$149,025.00

facturers and the manufacturers could take the "automobile temperature" of the public.

This year of 1953 in America with a production total of 4,180,000 cars and trucks for the first six months of the year putting more and more ultrastreamlined automobiles with fluid drive or automatic transmission into the garages of the nation, we might wonder what the car of the future will be like?

It may be a turbine, diesel or

atomic-powered vehicle with a transparent plastic body. Some say it will be piloted on the highways by an electronic beam. It may be that auto-airplanes will become as common a sight as Chevrolets or Plymouths today. No one really knows.

We do know that the automobile has truly come a long way from the days of the builders and dreamers who first made it a reality—but perhaps the road of development ahead is just unfolding.

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Our Father Who art in heaven, it is once again that season of the year when we pause and count our blessings and offer thanksgiving to You for all Your goodness and Your mercy to us. We do thank You, Father, sincerely, humbly. But there are many of our Brothers whose names are listed here, who have passed on and who can no longer thank You for life and the goodness of life.

Have compassion on them, O Lord. Extend Thy kind hand to them and lead them home—to that home which knows no sorrow, only everlasting joy, and then with Thee, O Lord, may they offer their happy prayer of thanksgiving.

Then Father, we ask Thy comfort and peace for the loved ones of our members. The holiday season is not a gay one for them, but Thy understanding and Thy help can bring thanksgiving to the saddest heart.

And after Thou hast been mindful of all these Lord, turn Thine eyes to us, we who make this prayer. Make us grateful to Thee as we should be grateful. And in the spirit of true thanksgiving help us to be kind and gentle with our fellowmen even as Thou hast been kind and gentle with us. Thank Thee, Father. Amen.

John Aylward, L. U. No. 1

Born April 9, 1899
Initiated September 23, 1946
Died September 16, 1953

Edw. Fromm, L. U. No. 1

Born June 14, 1897
Initiated February 9, 1950
Died September 29, 1953

Louis H. Gatter, L. U. No. 1

Born July 4, 1888
Initiated March 16, 1942
Died September 11, 1953

George Milde, L. U. No. 1

Born September 6, 1898
Initiated May 2, 1941
Died August 24, 1953

Andrew W. Swift, L. U. No. 16

Born November 22, 1902
Initiated May 28, 1942
Died September 18, 1953

Robert P. Andrews, L. U. No. 18

Born November 29, 1877
Initiated February 9, 1929
Died June 8, 1953

James W. Ashelford, L. U. No. 18

Born January 11, 1902
Initiated April 6, 1950
Died July 12, 1953

Claude F. Buckley, L. U. No. 18

Born November 15, 1886
Reinitiated March 30, 1937 in L. U. No. 9
Died June 8, 1953

Charles B. Campbell, L. U. No. 18

Reinitiated March 1, 1944
Died June 13, 1953

J. D. Edmison, L. U. No. 18

Born February 22, 1925
Initiated November 25, 1947
Died May 5, 1953

James Eide, L. U. No. 18

Born September 16, 1877
Reinitiated March 4, 1924
Died April 9, 1953

Charles E. Girard, L. U. No. 18

Born January 19, 1903
Initiated September 4, 1946
Died July 16, 1953

Huber W. Glenn, L. U. No. 18

Born September 18, 1897
Initiated June 6, 1941
Died May 14, 1953

Frank J. Harsen, L. U. No. 18

Born January 8, 1900
Reinitiated December 6, 1947 in L. U. No. 31
Died July 28, 1953

Jesse E. Horne, L. U. No. 18

Born January 5, 1883
Initiated December 23, 1907
Died June 16, 1953

Dennis M. McNelly, L. U. No. 18

Born November 17, 1924
Initiated December 12, 1949
Died September 17, 1953

John H. Mathews, L. U. No. 18

Born November 21, 1891
Initiated July 9, 1943
Died March 29, 1953

Richard C. Menefee, L. U. No. 18

Born September 30, 1909
Reinitiated February 2, 1934 in L. U. No. 418
Died August 19, 1953

Frank M. Murray, L. U. No. 18

Born September 7, 1898
Initiated August 12, 1939
Died July 23, 1953

Joseph Muzgay, L. U. No. 18

Born February 2, 1895
Initiated June 7, 1944
Died July 25, 1953

James W. Phillips, L. U. No. 18

Born June 28, 1906
Initiated March 1, 1948
Died September 8, 1953

Michael F. Talasky, L. U. No. 18

Born July 3, 1897
Initiated May 11, 1944
Died July 14, 1953

R. C. Wadleigh, L. U. No. 18

Born October 23, 1905
Initiated May 14, 1947
Died May 1, 1953

James M. Burke, L. U. No. 41

Born August 11, 1886
Initiated July 24, 1923
Died September 22, 1953

Phillip Celor, L. U. No. 65

Born 1893
Initiated July 16, 1946
Died August 20, 1953

A. J. Newlin, L. U. No. 66

Born June 19, 1921
Initiated December 7, 1945
Died July 17, 1953

Henry G. Trauernicht, L. U. No. 66

Born April 10, 1924
Initiated April 4, 1946
Died July 29, 1953

Grover Alford, L. U. No. 212

Born October 27, 1884
Reinitiated April 9, 1919
Died August 31, 1953

Vincent J. Hines, L. U. No. 306

Born March 27, 1902
Initiated May 19, 1944
Died September 8, 1953

Clarence Erickson, L. U. No. 308

Born March 23, 1900
Initiated October 14, 1941
Died September 16, 1953

Robert Archer, L. U. No. 309

Born June 21, 1887
Initiated August 11, 1916 in L. U. No. 703
Died August 15, 1953

Malcolm A. Nealey, L. U. No. 333

Born November 27, 1893
Initiated July 23, 1916
Died August 12, 1953

David E. Cathcart, L. U. No. 342

Born June 12, 1902
Initiated February 16, 1942
Died August 30, 1953

Joseph C. Grady, L. U. No. 381

Born January 3, 1901
Initiated July 1, 1947
Died September 27, 1953

Richard D. Yonkers, L. U. No. 482

Born November 4, 1891
Reinitiated October 6, 1952
Died August 19, 1953

John E. Kibler, L. U. No. 697

Born May 7, 1887
Initiated September 15, 1942 in L. U. No. 550
Died August 7, 1953

James Allen Helmbrecht, L. U. No. 702

Born December 26, 1900
Initiated January 22, 1940
Died August 24, 1953

Harry Forrest, L. U. No. 713

Born—1894
Initiated July 24, 1952
Died August 1953

William Goebel, L. U. No. 713

Born November 27, 1888
Initiated March 9, 1945
Died August 1953

Emil Harpling, L. U. No. 713

Initiated March 10, 1939
Died August 1953

Frank Porro, L. U. No. 713

Born February 18, 1906
Initiated February 5, 1952
Died September 1953

George Schiltz, L. U. No. 713

Initiated February 1, 1940
Died September 1953

Argil Blaine Harshburger, L. U. No. 763

Born April 15, 1920
Initiated May 1, 1946
Died September 23, 1953

Rosamond L. Gunter, L. U. No. 846

Born November 5, 1912
Initiated October 8, 1937
Died August 13, 1953

Charles L. Graham, L. U. No. 968

Initiated October 6, 1947
Died August 27, 1953

Wm. Russell Holand, L. U. No. 1030

Born September 16, 1929
Initiated February 17, 1948
Died August 31, 1953

Kenneth A. Hopkins, L. U. No. 1030

Born July 1, 1919
Initiated October 19, 1948
Died September 3, 1953

Jesse W. Clary, L. U. No. 1141

Born December 22, 1910
Initiated May 1, 1942
Died October 1, 1953

George R. Hogan, L. U. No. 1245

Born August 8, 1908
Initiated July 1, 1951
Died July 18, 1953

Clarence L. McDaniel, L. U. No. 1245

Born November 26, 1896
Reinitiated August 1, 1951
Died July 19, 1953

Arthur G. Gaske, L. U. No. 1249

Born October 17, 1901
Initiated March 16, 1942
Died September 15, 1953

Edward W. Murphy, L. U. No. 1249

Born February 11, 1905
Initiated August 13, 1945
Died September 8, 1953

William C. Rushing, L. U. No. 1361

Born July 25, 1889
Initiated May 1, 1944
Died August 3, 1953

Hubert J. Burrus, L. U. No. 1439

Born April 27, 1900
Initiated February 1946
Died August 20, 1953

THE TRUTH HURTS

A rector was visiting one of his poorer parishioners, an elderly woman afflicted with deafness. She expressed her regret at not being able to hear his sermons.

Desiring to be sympathetic and to say something consoling, he replied, "You don't miss much."

"So they tell me," was the disconcerting reply.

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THE TINKERS

Webster wronged the tinker true
Defining him a person who
Bungles, repairs or roughly mends
Or loosely patches odds and ends.

He should have said true tinkers show
A desire to rid the world of woe,
And really are innately great
Because they like to see things straight.

For some the earth's where griefs ne'er cease
When could have been a place of peace
Except for lack of helping him
Whose path through life is very dim.

The truism that a stitch in time
Will always save one making nine
Applies to hearts as well as cloth
Which tinkers know as they go forth.

So tinkers true deserve a place
Of high regard 'mong any race.
They're born, all life's woes to stem
Too bad there's not enough of them.

J. A. MORRISON,
L. U. No. 817.

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THE POWER OF BALLOTS

They tried to revive cave-age cruelties,
And thought to restore misdeeds of old.
They strove to turn back time's dials,
The curtains of primitive periods unfold!

And then labor awoke from its complacent slumber,
Its combined forces pressure applied,
It began to wield an effective weapon,
The tried and true ballot that turned the tide!

And gone out of power is the GOP,
Since toilers are determined to stay free!

A Bit o' Luck,
ABE GLICK,
L. U. No. 3.

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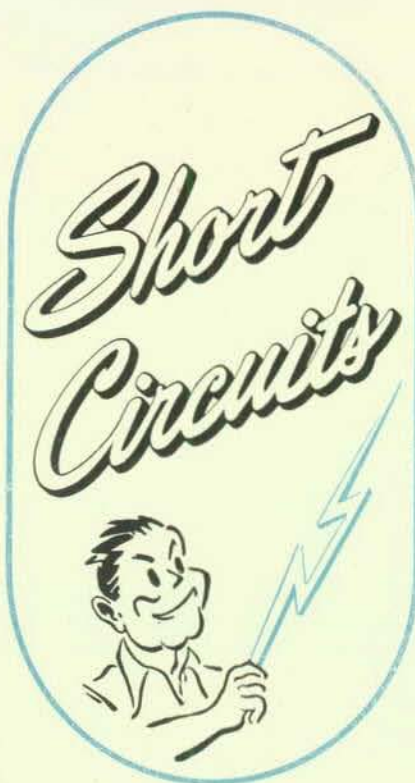
H. McSPEDDON GOES TO ROME

Labor sends an emissary,
A man whose name is legendary.
He's out to light the lamps of labor,
And lighten burdens of his neighbor.

Two thousand years slipt thru the ages
Since labor wrote its finest pages:
The serf and slave broke through their chains
And labor's strife brought labor's gains.

From Roman times 'til British Tory
Our hard-earned gains were grim and gory.
We'll hold these gains 'til Armageddon
Because of men like H. McSpeddon.

TIFFANY,
L. U. No. 3.



WISE BOOKIE

Woman (to bank teller)—If we could only use the \$2000 in my saving account to buy a new car we wouldn't have to pay any financing charges.

Teller—Then why don't you?

Woman—Because my husband would ask how I saved so much money. If I told him, it would spoil his fun. When he began playing the horses, I offered to place the bets for him. Instead, I took them myself. When his horse won I paid him off, and when he lost I put the money in my savings account.

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THOUGHTS FOR ESTHER

You requested a poem of your own
To take with you to the school,
So here are a few verses
Things daddy wants you to do.

To ere is human we are told
To forgive is so divine.
Remember this, for 'tis true
Many friends you shall find.

Do unto others as you would have
Others do unto you
'Tis then you'll find, peace of mind
In every thing you do.

Be not hasty to judge others
By things that you may hear
Remember we all make mistakes
You're no exception, Esther dear.

A little praise or sympathy
Will go a long way to make friends
Always be considerate of others
Ever willing to make amends.

Remember always to be tolerant
Regarding another's race or creed,
To share with those less fortunate
When you find they are in need.

JAMES W. ATCHESON,
L. U. No. 447.

SUMMER COMPLAINT

Bumper to bumper away we go
Out to the cabins,
Loaded with dough,
Bumper to bumper we all come back
Loaded with chiggers,
But minus the jack.

MARSHALL LEAVITT, P. S.,
L. U. 124, Kansas City, Mo.

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ALL I SAID

Mrs. 'Iggyins: "That Mrs. Briggs was boastin' as 'ow she comes from a fine family. An' you've come a good way, I says, pleasant like."

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RECOLLECTION

Had I but searched for heaven's pleasure,
That is never found in an earthly treasure,
Or peace of soul and a conscience clean,
That power or wealth could never glean.
The search for gold or praise of men,
Can only leave you lonely at the end.
Had I but searched with an equal zest,
For my Lord instead of an earthly quest,
For gold will canker and my power grow week,

My friends shall fail as my voice be meek,
And as into the shadows and to fade therein,

Have I served my Lord as I served men?

JOHN J. CASHON,
L. U. 1353, Louisville, Ky.

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TIME MARCHES ON

A traveling man was having to spend the weekend in a country village. On Sunday he decided to go to church. But, after the sermon started and went on for two hours, he began to get nervous and fidget around. Finally he asked an old man sitting next to him how long the preacher had been preaching there.

"About 10 years," the old man replied.

"Well, I'll stay then," said the man. "He must be nearly finished by now."

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WIRED FOR SOUND

Doctor: "Let me have a look at your tongue, please?"

Patient: "That would be just a waste of time, Doctor. No tongue could possibly tell how badly I feel."

R. C. TINDELL,
L. U. 349, Miami, Florida.

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WOES OF A WIFE

My husband George has gone to school,
But not to learn the Golden Rule.
He gets up early, out of bed,
To study electric work instead.
He reads of circuits, wires and bells,
Switches, timers, and coils as well;
Phases, rotors, nuts and bolts,
And anything that runs with volts.
All this I learned from married life,
Because I'm an electrician's wife.

MARGARET O'BRIEN,
Wife of George L. O'Brien, L. U. No. 18.

HANDS OFF

The HARDWARE



The combination of a cracked insulator on a hot pole, especially in damp or rainy weather, can be enough to kill. Grab some hardware while climbing, get a shock, let go, land on the ground with a broken neck! Play safe; keep your hands off the hardware; keep your gloves on from start to finish.

*From an idea submitted by
C. B. Gann, L. U. 1211, Gulfport, Miss.*